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Invitation of applications under

AICTE DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP (ADF) SCHEME FOR A/Y 2025-26

AICTE Doctoral Fellowship (ADF) scheme portal is open for submission of applications by the students admitted in **AICTE approved Institutes/programs** pursuing Ph.D. in Engineering and Technology/ Management/ Design/ Planning/Applied Science/ Applied Arts, Crafts and Design/Hotel Management and Catering Technology/Computer Application as prescribed by the AICTE for the 1st year students of the academic year 2025-26 having gained qualified examination as per the scheme guidelines.

Procedure to be followed by Institutes and students eligible for AICTE Doctoral Fellowship (ADF):

1. All the AICTE approved Institutes/University shall create the student ID of the eligible candidates on the AICTE ADF portal as per the timeline given at point 4.
2. Distribute student's Unique ID generated by the system to all the ADF students admitted in their Institution in the respective academic year.
3. Student should fill the online application form through student id provided by the Institute/University on the AICTE ADF portal.
4. Applicants/Institute and University will strictly follow the timeline given below:

Session	Stage	Particulars	Date/Period
First Session	I	Submission of Application	05 th January to 20 th April
	II	Last date for Submission of Application	20 th April
	III	Evaluation of Applications	1 st May – 30 th May
	IV	Announcement of Selected Candidates	15 th June
	V	Start date for Award of Fellowship	1 st July (from the date of joining)

Note: Students admitted in the semester commencing from July must apply for fellowship till 20th April of respective academic year.

1. **Last date for online submission of application by the students : 10th October of respective year**
2. **Last date for verification by the Institutes/University : 20th October of respective year**

Second Session	I	Submission of Application	1 st June to 20 th October
	II	Last date for Submission of Application	20 th October
	III	Evaluation of Applications	1 st November – 30 th November
	IV	Announcement of Selected Candidates	15 th December
	V	Start date for Award of Fellowship	1 st January (from date of joining)

Note: students admitted in semester commencing from January must apply for fellowship till 20th October of respective academic year.

1. **Last date for online submission of application by the student: 10th April of respective year**
2. **Last date for verification by the Institutes/University : 20th April of respective year**

5. All the eligible students pursuing Ph.D. program shall collect the Unique ID from the institute and the login at link: <https://fellowship.aicte.gov.in/login> for uploading the scanned copies of **all original documents** in JPG/JPEG/PDF format only:

- a. Scanned copy of Qualified examination score card.
- b. Proposal of Research.

- c. **Only Aadhar active savings bank account will be considered since the AICTE Doctoral Fellowship (ADF) is released through Aadhaar Bridge Payment System (ABPS) mode through Public Financial Management System (PFMS).**
 - d. **No-Frill Account, Jan Dhan account, Bank Account having limits on transactions/credits & Joint Account are not permitted.**
 - e. Bank account should not either be closed or transferred/shifted during period of course.
 - f. Scanned copy of original Aadhar Card should be uploaded in jpg/jpeg format.
 - g. Scanned copy of the valid Category Certificate for SC/ST, EWS, OBC & Non-Creamy Layer (NCL) should be uploaded. The latest (not beyond one year old) EWS and OBC & Non-Creamy Layer (NCL) certificate should be issued by the Competent Authority.
6. The Institutes/Universities shall then verify the student data and approve his/her candidature on the portal. **(Students verification)** and approve for eligibility of disbursement of the scholarship.
 7. **It may be ensured by the Institute/Universities that students personal details, date of admission/date of joining & course completion date is correctly filled in. No any request for change of these details will be entertained after submission of application.**

Detailed general guidelines/instructions and procedure for online registration of students and approval of eligibility of the student by the institute is available at link: <https://www.aicte.gov.in/schemes/students-development-schemes/ADF-Scheme>

All eligible students shall upload their information on or before **10th April, 2026** on AICTE web portal and the Institute/University shall complete the procedure of student data verification and approval for the eligibility for the receipt of scholarship on or before **20th April, 2026**.

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