



THE INSTITUTION OF ELECTRONICS AND TELECOMMUNICATION ENGINEERS

IETE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP SCHEME

Fellowship scheme: The IETE has instituted a Research Fellowship scheme for two research projects at a time since 2004 in commemoration of its Golden Jubilee. Under this scheme selected researchers are provided financial assistance to pursue advance level research in the following major and related fields of interest to IETE:

- Emerging Wireless Technologies
- Microwave and Radar Engineering
- Science & Technology of Electronics
- Telecommunications
- Information Technology
- Electromagnetics
- Instrumentation & Measurements
- Circuits and Systems
- Medical Electronics
- Bio-Technology & Bio-Informatics
- Electronic Devices & Components, Nano Technology and Nano Materials
- Opto Electronics
- Power Electronics
- Effects of development in Electronics, Telecommunication and Computers on Human Body
- Any other related disciplines including "Technology, Systems and Management" of interest to IETE

Nature of Support: The financial support will include a Fellowship of up to a maximum of Rs 16,000/- per month initially for two years and contingency grant as reimbursement on actual basis not exceeding Rs 12,000/- per year. The grant for fellowship is subject to the conditions that:

- a) Research Fellow should not be receiving any salary or funds for the proposed Research work from any other source or organization. The salary or freeship, if any, being received by the candidate would be deducted from the amount of IETE Research Fellowship, (Rs 16000/- per month).
- b) The contingency / stationary grant of a maximum amount of Rs 12000/- per annum will be admissible on production of supporting cash vouchers and documents, to be approved by IETE.
- c) The procedure for processing the monthly payment of IETE Research Fellowship will be initiated on receipt of the satisfactory monthly progress certificate from the guide of the Research Fellow.

Duration: The duration of the Research Fellowship will be initially for a period of two years which is extendable by one year at a time based on the performance, the need and approval of IETE Governing Council.

Scope of Research work: Research work should be in the field of interest to IETE as listed above either by a Post Doctoral Fellow or Research Scholar preferably leading to the award of Ph.D degree or equivalent credits from an Institution of national eminence. Applicant / Researcher should be attached to a reputed organization/ Institution for undertaking the proposed research work. The application and the proposal is required to be submitted and recommended by the guide of the researcher and counter signed by the Head of the Institution where the applicant / Researcher is enrolled.

Selection: Selection is made by the IETE Board of Research Innovation & Standard (BoRI&S) and approved by IETE Governing Council.

Monitoring: The Research programme is monitored at regular intervals against pre-set targets / deliverables to be submitted at the time of the commencement of the research project by a Monitoring / Evaluation Committee nominated by the IETE Board of Research. Annual progress report is to submitted by the researcher through the guide for review by BoRI&S for improvement and continuation, if any.

Funding: IETE Research Fellowship funding is done through donations / sponsorship either on monthly basis or a one time corpus or as a mix of the two as convenient to the donors / contributors. Contributions revised are exempt from income tax as per the prevailing provisions of Income Tax Act.

Application: Detailed norms of eligibility & for award of research fellowship, guidelines for the formulation of research project proposal and application format are available on IETE website: www.iete.org. Application in duplicate as per Proposal Format (to be downloaded from the website) should be forwarded to the Secretary General, IETE, 2, Institutional Area, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110 003 by 31st March of the year.

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NORMS AND GUIDELINES FOR AWARD OF IETE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

1. General

The IETE Board of Research Innovation & Standard (BoRI&S) has been established at the IETE Headquarters by the Governing Council of the Institution to support/conduct specialized research study relating to the areas of interest of IETE. In this direction, the IETE has instituted since 2004 Research Fellowship scheme to commemorate its Golden Jubilee. Under this scheme selected professionals / researchers would be provided financial assistance to pursue advance level research in the areas of interest to IETE as listed in coversheet. The initial sanction would be for two years, extendable by one year at a time as per need, progress and approval of IETE.

2. Eligibility

Fellowships/grants are open to all IETE members and researchers in India. However, subject to the discretion of the Board of Research Innovation & Standard these fellowships may also be awarded to other than IETE members conditional to their becoming IETE life members.

3. Minimum Qualification: Postgraduate Engineering degree in Electronics / Telecommunications /IT/Computers or M. Sc Physics with specialization in Electronics & Telecommunication. The researcher / applicant should be registered with an engineering institution of national eminence for the proposed research work.

4. Submission of proposal

A synopsis of the research proposal (seven copies) shall be submitted by the 31st Mar of the year to the IETE-HQ for consideration of the IETE Board of Research Innovation & Standard. The proposal should contain the focus and scope of the project, a framework in the form of chapterisation, a bibliography, details of field work if any, and the methodology of research; **it should indicate the precise contribution which the project is expected to make to the existing body of knowledge on the subject.** A copy of the research scholar's and the guide's bio-data should accompany the proposal. Formats for the formulation of research proposals are given at the end of these guidelines.

5. Processing and decision for award of Fellowship

The IETE Board of Research Innovation & Standard (BoRI&S) will examine the proposals in detail. Should the Board consider it appropriate, it may invite potential research scholars to make a brief personal presentation of the synopsis and Board may suggest modifications, if necessary, before a final decision is taken. After detailed consideration of the various proposals, the IETE Board of Research under the aegis of IETE Governing Council will decide which of the proposals are to be accepted and the research scholars will be apprised accordingly.

6. Conduct of Research

All research projects under this scheme will commence after approval and normally to be completed under the stipulated time from the date of commencement. Extension of time will be accorded in exceptional cases based on the performance and the need. No major changes to research design will be made without reference to and concurrence of the Board of Research Innovation & Standard. Research scholar of each project will periodically discuss the progress of the project with the guide and a designated member of the Board of Research who in turn will apprise the Board at its periodic meetings. Certificate of monthly progress is to be forwarded by the researcher through the guide for the release of monthly cheque for the grant.

7. Termination of Grant

Should the Board of Research Innovation & Standard determine that progress on a project is unsatisfactory or that the provisions of these rules are being violated, it reserves the right to terminate the grant for the project without assigning any reason. The decision of the Board will be final. In such an eventuality, the research material available at that point in time will be handed over to IETE for use by another selected researcher.

8. Presentation cum discussion and final report

After one year and nine months into the research project, an interim report is to be submitted and a presentation, if required, should be arranged by the scholar in coordination with the IETE-HQ to elicit views and opinions from experts on related disciplines that may be relevant to the topic for the preparation of the final report. The final report will be submitted to Board of Research Innovation & Standard in triplicate on completion of the project period, but not later than three months thereafter. It should be comprehensive enough to be published as a technical report. Timely submission of the final report will be the responsibility of the Guide of the researcher / Head of Institution. 5 copies of the Ph.D thesis upon award of the degree should be forwarded to IETE HQs for use in library and for information of the Board. The Board of Research Innovation & Standard would greatly appreciate the inclusion of the following aspects in the final report:

- a. Implications for further research
- b. Implications for policy. These should be enunciated clearly and adequately so that these could be brought to the notice of relevant industry, government bodies and/or other concerned authorities.

9. Publication of the Project, Copyright and IPR

The IETE reserves the right to publish the final report of the project sponsored by it. Such a report shall be published by the IETE within a year of the acceptance of the report and the decision to do so will be communicated to the research scholars within six months of the receipt of the report. The copyright of all publications relating to the research project shall vest with the IETE. The work sponsored by IETE must lead to publications of National or International importance preferably leading to Ph. D Degree/ equivalent credit. Any Research Report published must acknowledge the sponsorship of IETE. In case of commercial utility, 50% of earnings must be given to IETE. All actions and expenses for patenting / IPR procedures are to be undertaken and met by the concerned Research Institution.

10. Variations to suit special cases

Depending on the merits of each case, the Board of Research shall have the authority to delete or modify any of the conditions laid down in these guide lines or to impose such additional conditions as it may deem expedient. In all such variations, however, the reasons for making the alterations shall be recorded in writing. The same will be communicated to IETE Council.

11. Research scholars should furnish a research proposal covering the following:

- a. Statement of the problem
- b. The hypotheses to be tested or the main research questions
- c. The definition of key concepts
- d. The research design
- e. The sampling frame and the type of sampling procedure
- f. Mode of data collection
- g. Time schedule indicating deliverables.

B The research proposal should be a sort of blueprint. A well conceived research proposal will later help its efficient implementation. The following characteristics are common to all research proposals:

- a. Formulation of the problem for the research
- b. Delimiting the boundary of the proposed research and elaboration of its substantive components
- c. Data analysis

C Formulation of research design.

a The Title of the project: It should be self explanatory

b Guide: A willing expert in the field or a similar person with excellent professional standing may be chosen as a guide who will be able to do constructive criticism of the research/study and also guide the research scholar.

c Statement of the problem: In the opening paragraphs of the research proposal, the problem to be investigated should be stated clearly and briefly. The key questions and the location of the problem in the theoretical context of the concerned discipline should be specified. The significance of the problem, the contribution which the proposed study is expected to make to theory and methodology as well as its practical importance, and national relevance should be specifically indicated.

d Overview of literature : Summarizing the current status of research in the area, including major findings, the project proposal should clearly demonstrate the relevance of the findings or approaches for the investigation of the problem at hand.

e The conceptual framework : Given the problem and the theoretical perspective for investigating the problem, the proposal should clearly indicate the concepts to be used and their relevance for the study. It should further specify the dimensions of empirical reality that need to be explored for investigating the problem.

f Research questions or Hypotheses : Given the conceptual framework and the specification of dimensions, the specific questions to be answered through the proposed research should be sharply formulated. In the case of an explanatory research design, specification of variables and posting of relationship among them through specific hypotheses must form a part of the research proposal.

g Coverage: Proposals involving sampling should indicate details of sampling procedure proposed to be utilised and describe the rationale.

h Data collection: The different types of data proposed to be gathered should be specifically mentioned. The sources for each type of data and techniques proposed to be used for collecting different types of data should be specified.

i Data processing : The manner in which the different types of data will be processed, the tabulation plan and the types of data that will be processed through the computer should be explained in detail.

j Experimentation: If experimentation is involved the same may be indicated. This should include the equipments to be used.

k Time Frame: The project should be broken up in suitable stages and the time required for the completion of each stage of work should be specified. Such stages may cover the following.

- i) Preparatory work
- ii) Drawing of sample
- iii) Data collection
- iv) Data processing
- v) Data analysis
- vi) Report writing

Proposal Format

Format of Application for Ph. D Scholarship under the IETE

1. a) Name of Research Scholar
b) Designation & Affiliation
c) Address
d) Phone No. and e mail id.
2. a) Name of Research Supervisor
b) Designation & affiliation
c) Address
d) Phone No. and email id.
e) Bio Data of Supervisor to be enclosed
3. Title of Proposed Research under Ph.D
4. Name of Co-Supervisor, if any
Including details as 2(b) - (e)
5. Date of Completion of Pre-Ph. D

DECLARATION

I have carefully read the terms and conditions for Ph. D. scholarship under the IETE and agree to abide by them. I also agree to submit the Ph. D thesis within two years from the date of grant of the said scholarship

Signature
Research Scholar

Signature
Research Supervisor

Signature
Co-Supervisor, if any

Date :

Countersigned by the Head
of the Institution

Place :

Seal

Format A

Bio-data of the Investigator (s) & Guide(s) -for each on a separate sheet:

1. Name :
2. Age : DD/MM/YY
3. Designation :
4. Degrees conferred (begin with bachelor's degree);

Degree	Institution conferring the degree	Field (s)	Year

5. Research/training experience (in chronological order):

Duration	Name of Institution	Name of work done

6. Major scientific fields of interest:
7. List of publications/Awards/Presentation/Workshop/Patents

Format B

Proposal Preparation Format

1	Title of the research :	
2.	Summary of the proposed research: A simple concise statement about the investigation, its conduct and anticipated results in no more than 200 words	
3.	Objectives: A brief definition of the objectives and their scientific, technical and techno-economic importance	
4.	A brief history and basis for the proposal and a demonstration of the need for such an investigation preferably with reference to the possible application of results to IETE and engineering community. A reference should also be made to the latest work being carried out in the field and the present state-of-art of the subject.	
5	Approach: A clear description of the concepts to be used in the investigation should be given. Details of the method and procedures for carrying out the investigation and expected time schedules should be included. All supporting studies necessary for the investigation should be identified, the necessary information of any collaborative arrangement, if existing with other investigators for such studies, should be furnished, The Principal Investigator is expected to have worked out his collaborative arrangement himself. IETE's laboratory where available and library facilities can be used by the investigators (for further elaboration refer the guidelines)	
6.	Data reduction and analysis: A brief description of the data reduction and analysis plan should be included. If any assistance is required from IETE or any other organization for data reduction purposes, it should be indicated clearly.	
7.	Available Institutional facilities: Facilities such as equipments, etc.	

Format C

Declaration

I/We hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of IETE research fellowship and accept to be governed by all the terms and conditions laid down for this purpose. In case of commercial utility arising out of this research work, I / we agree to pay 50% of the earnings to IETE

Signature(s)

Name of Scholar(s)

Date

Signature(s)

Name of the Guide(s)

Date