



# **Pandit Deendayal Energy University**

(Formerly Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University – PDPU)

**NAAC Accredited A++**

NIRF Ranking: Engineering – 98 | Management – 89

## **Post Doctoral Fellowship (PDF) Admission – January 2026**

under

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Research areas in the disciplines of –  
Electronics Systems Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) | Information Technology and IT  
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## **Information Brochure**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Pandit Deendayal Energy University is established through the State Legislature Act 2007. Its campus is spread over 98.15 acre with state of the art academic and residential infrastructure of global standards. It runs five Schools namely School of Energy Technology - SoET, School of Technology - SoT, School of Liberal Studies - SLS, School of Management - SoM and School of Law - SoL with UG, PG & Ph.D. programmes in the fields of Sciences, Technology, Management, Humanities & Social Sciences and Law. About 10,000+ students are studying on the campus, and has the presence of about 250+ international students.

The University has been assessed and accredited with 'A++' Grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in year 2022. The state government has awarded University the “Centre for Excellence” status.

University has various Centre of Excellences in the fields of Centre for Solar Research & Development, Center for Excellence in Geothermal Energy, Siemens Center of Excellence for Automation, Center for Biofuels and Bioenergy, Drilling, Cementing and Stimulation Lab, International Automobile Center for Excellence, 45 MW Production Line for Monocrystalline Solar Cell, Center for Waste Water Management, EU-Horizon 2020, Center for Carbon Dioxide Capture and Sequestration, Center for Critical Thinking, Center for Additive Manufacturing (CAM) Intech & Midhani, Center for Sustainable Tech Larsen & Toubro TS, DST-PDEU Technology Enabling Center, Centre for Energy Storage (V Flow Tech), Center for Technology Enabling Mission (DST–GoI), Center for Robotics and Automation - (IIT-R - PDEU), Center for Next Generation Computing (Apple), Center for Fintech - Hitech Accelerator, Center for Space Tech ISRO-SAC, Center for Core Repository DGH-MoPNG, Center for Cryogenics, Center for Skill Development Council NSDC-GoG, Center for Semiconductor Mission GoG-Micron.

University has more than 390 Ph.D. scholars studying in the guidance of more than 225 Ph.D. supervisors. In line with the necessity of a multidisciplinary education and the recommendations in NEP, Interdisciplinary research has been introduced from the current admission cycle. This will help the prospective scholars, to work in the domain of their interest. The financial assistance is also enhanced from the current admission cycle, which is now in line with the government fellowship / scholarships.

PDEU Gandhinagar invites applications for **Postdoctoral Fellowship (PDF) positions under the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme for the academic year 2025-2026**. For more details regarding Visvesvaraya Ph.D. scheme, interested candidates may explore the webpage: <http://phd.digitalindiacorporation.in/>

#### **ELIGIBILITY AND DURATION:**

1. The PDF is awarded to researchers with a proven academic record, including peer-reviewed publications and recognitions.
2. It is a full-time, non-transferable, temporary position tenable **in India only**.
3. The fellowship is valid for **1 year**.
4. The PDF applicant should be an **Indian citizen**.
5. **PDF applicants currently in regular employment will not be considered**. However, scientists or researchers with temporary positions in academia or research institutions would be considered, but they would be required to relinquish their current roles if selected for the fellowship.
6. The PDF applicant must have obtained a PhD degree from a recognized University with first class (in terms of grades, etc.) in all preceding levels and a good academic record throughout.
7. The eligible participating institution must ensure that the PDF applicant should have completed PhD **within the past 5 years** on the last date of submission of application to the institution.
8. PDF applicants **should not have completed their PhD at the same institution** (host institution) where the PDF fellowship is to be awarded.
9. The upper age limit for the fellowship is **40 years** on the date of submission of application to the eligible participating institution (host institution).
10. A suitable Mentor/Guide, under whom the proposed research would be carried out, must be identified by the institution.
11. Mentor/Guide of PDF fellow must hold a regular academic/research position in a recognized institution in India. He/she should hold a Ph.D. degree in Science or Engineering.
12. The research proposal of the PDF applicant, to be submitted to the institution, should define clear objectives, outcomes and deliverables against the award.

13. Preference would be given to the PDF applicants who have active industry linkages and their research proposal is directed towards industry specific problems.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PDF AWARDEE:**

1. In addition to their own research work, the awardees need to participate in activities under the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme as assigned by the PhD Cell (<https://phd.dic.gov.in/>), such as:
  - Evaluation of research work of PhD Candidates.
  - Mentoring of PhD candidates.
  - Participation in collaborative research under the scheme.
  - Participation in workshops and events.
  - Other assignments by PhD Cell.
2. Provide **research proposals** including specific timelines, deliverables, etc. and **monthly progress reports**.
3. Report significant achievements during the tenure.
4. Promptly follow the directions of PhD Cell.
5. Acknowledge the scheme at all significant forums, including publications/achievements/recognitions etc., using the following template:  
*“This publication/achievement/recognition is an outcome of the R&D work undertaken during the tenure of PDF award under the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme, being implemented by PhD Cell, Digital India Corporation, MeitY.”*
6. Inform the PhD Cell **at least one month in advance** for any **long-term leave** (e.g., study leave, sabbatical, etc.).
7. **Must not receive any other fellowship** during the award period.
8. If any awardee wishes to discontinue the fellowship, the institution should inform PhD Cell, DIC; MeitY immediately.

**FELLOWSHIP DETAILS:**

Category	Fellowship Amount	Duration	Additional Details
Postdoc Fellowship (PDF)	₹1,08,393/month	Up to 1 year	○ Contingency Grant: <b>₹1,00,000/year</b> (disbursed on a <b>pro-rata basis</b> , e.g. ₹25,000/quarter)

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Contingency Grant usage is restricted to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Minor equipment.</li> <li>● Consumables.</li> <li>● Research-related items.</li> <li>● No provision for hiring research staff</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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### **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:**

The Visvesvaraya scheme is designed to support researchers in the areas of **Electronics Systems Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) and Information Technology and IT Enabled Services (IT/ITES)**. Eligible candidates working in these areas are requested to apply.

### **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE:**

#### **(i) Onboarding and Reporting**

The host institution must ensure timely selection of the awardees (within the timelines as specified by PhD Cell) against the allotted seats, following the scheme guidelines and their timely reporting to the PhD Cell, Digital India Corporation (DIC), MeitY, for registration under the scheme.

- Awardees not registered under the scheme will not be eligible for support.
- The institution must notify the PhD Cell immediately about any dropouts or termination of PDF awardees.

#### **(ii) Progress and Research Reporting**

During registration under the scheme, the awardees need to submit proposals including specific timelines, deliverables, etc. Subsequently, the PDF awardees must submit monthly progress reports in the format specified by the PhD Cell. They must also update the PhD Cell on any publications, patents, start-ups, or other outputs resulting from their research. Institutions are required to ensure timely and accurate submission of these reports.

### **(iii) Financial Support**

- The fellowship amount of ₹1,08,393/- per month will be transferred directly to the PDF awardee's bank account. Contingency Grant of ₹1.00 lakh per year will be calculated on a pro-rata basis (e.g. ₹0.25 lakh per quarter).
- In case of non-performance, non-compliance with the scheme's guidelines, absence, leaves, etc. or other reasons, affecting the Fellowship amount or resulting into Fellowship stoppage of any PDF awardee at any point of time, the institution shall intimate PhD Cell, DIC regarding the same immediately through email to PhD Cell. The institution needs to secure receipts of such intimation by PhD Cell, DIC well in advance as the fellowship would be released by DIC, as soon as possible, once the fellowship becomes due.
- In absence of such intimation, PhD Cell, DIC will continue to transfer the fellowship directly to the PDF awardee every month of a financial year.
- If due to non-intimation or late intimation by the respective institute, the fellowship is released to the PDF awardee by PhD Cell, DIC then it will be the responsibility of the institute to recover that amount paid to the candidate in excess & beyond eligibility. PhD Cell, DIC in its sole discretion may decide to recover it from the amount due to be paid to the institute under other budget heads of the scheme.
- The awardee must submit a detailed proposal with planned expenditure from Contingency budget head, in the prescribed format. Reimbursements may also be considered, subject to expenditure, per scheme guidelines. Expenditure beyond pro-rata eligibility will not be considered.
- The host institution must submit Utilization Certificates (UCs), Statement of Accounts (SoAs), and Statement of Expenditure (SoEs) along with requests for the next quarter's fund release. Unspent balances and interest, if any, must be refunded to the PhD Cell.

### **(iv) Completion and Exit Formalities**

Upon completion of the fellowship, the institution must submit a final completion report and all requisite documents. The format for the final report will be shared by the PhD Cell.

### **(v) Compliance and Termination**

- Both the institution and the PDF awardee are required to adhere to the scheme guidelines and instructions, issued periodically by the PhD Cell.

- The PhD Cell reserves the right to hold, stop, or terminate support for the PDF award at any stage due to reasons including, but not limited to, inadequate progress, non-compliance with guidelines, or any other reason deemed appropriate.

### **HOW TO APPLY?**

- Candidates must fill out the Google Form and upload a PDF file containing their updated biodata, scanned copies of the duly filled-in application form, relevant certificates, and mark sheets. All scanned documents must be self-attested on every page and compiled into one merged PDF file. The complete file must be uploaded using the following Google link: [Online Application Form](#)
- Candidates are encouraged to contact PDEU Gandhinagar faculty members whose research interests are aligned with the proposed post-doctoral research before filling out the application form.

Note: Meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee an interview or admission. The committee may set higher shortlisting criteria.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Particulars	Date
Commencement of Online Application	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025
Last date for Online application	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025
List of candidates for selection procedure on the University website	5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Presentation/interaction by all eligible candidates	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Announcement of the list of candidates offered the admission on the University website	13 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Induction cum Commencement of session	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2026

### **APPLICATION CHECKLIST:**

**Candidates must bring all original documents along with one set of photocopies of the following:**

1. Duly filled-in application form (hard copy).
2. Mark sheets/Grade cards of:
  - a. Secondary (10th)
  - b. Higher Secondary (12th)
  - c. All university examinations (UG/PG/Ph.D.).
3. Proof of date of birth (e.g., birth certificate or Class 10 certificate).



4. Research proposal write up defining clear objectives, outcomes and deliverables against the award.
5. Thr8 best research papers
6. Any other documents related to publications, patents and other testimonials.

### **SELECTION PROCESS :**

1. The admission core committee is responsible for the selection and recommendation.
2. No TA/DA will be provided.
3. Candidates should make their arrangements for the stay.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be informed by email. Only selected candidates will be contacted.

### **CONTACT DETAILS:**

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### **COMMUNICATIONS**

All communications by the University for the Admission Process will be made through the website [www.pdpu.ac.in](http://www.pdpu.ac.in). Candidates are advised to go through the University's website on regular basis for admission updates. The University will not be responsible for non-receipt of any communication, if any made additionally through email / SMS. No individual communication will be entertained. The aspiring candidates, their parents and well-wishers are advised to check the website of University from time to time for all the latest information updates on the admission process. These rules are subject to change due to several reasons. The change(s) in any of these rules including modalities of admission process shall be announce and made available on the official website of the University i.e. [www.pdpu.ac.in](http://www.pdpu.ac.in). Candidates are advised and are responsible for checking and verifying the latest information on the modalities and specifics of the admission including, but limited to rules, processes criterion, schedule, fee, etc.

### **INTERPRETATION**

These rules should be read as a whole, for the purpose of interpretation. In implementation of the provisions of these rules, if any difficulty or question arises as to the interpretation of any provision, the decision of the Director General of the University shall be final. The candidates will be bound by the rules and regulations of the University as applicable during their course of study at the University. Disputes, if any, shall be subject to Ahmedabad jurisdiction only.