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Schedule for Inviting of applications under

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

AICTE Post-Doctoral Fellowship (APDF) scheme portal is open for submission of applications by the candidates willing to pursue Post-Doctoral research in **AICTE approved Institutes/Universities** in full time/regular mode. Objective of AICTE Post-Doctoral Fellowship is to encourage research scholars from Engineering, Management, Design, Hotel management & catering technology, Applied science (Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics), Planning, Computer application, Applied arts crafts & design, Inter disciplinary areas who have completed their Ph.D. and wish to pursue a regular career in research and development.

Procedure to be followed by Institutes and candidates eligible for AICTE Post-Doctoral Fellowship (APDF):

1. All the AICTE approved Institutes/University shall create the Candidate Unique Id of the candidates on the AICTE PDF portal.
2. Candidates should fill the online application form through their Candidate ID provided by the Institute/University on the AICTE APDF portal, till 20th October 2026.
3. Institute and University will verify all the applications through the AICTE ADF portal till 20th October 2026.

Applicants/Institute and University will strictly follow the timeline given below:

Stage	Particulars	Date/Period
I	Last date for Submission of Application	20 th October, 2026
II	Evaluation of Applications	1 st November – 30 th November, 2026
III	Announcement of Selected Candidates	15 th December, 2026
IV	Start date for Award of Fellowship	1 st January, 2027 (from date of joining)

4. All the eligible candidates willing to pursue Post-Doctoral research shall collect the candidate unique ID from the institute/university and the login at link: <https://pdf.aicte.gov.in/login> for uploading the scanned copies of **all desired documents** in JPG/JPEG/PDF format only:
 - a. Scanned copy of Qualified examination score card.
 - b. Proposal of Post-Doctoral research.
 - c. **Only Aadhar seeded savings bank account will be considered as per DBT guidelines. Fellowship will be released through Director Benefit Transfer (DBT) only.**
 - 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 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.
 - h. upload the No Objection Certificate from the proposed research centre duly signed by the Supervisor, HOD and Registrar/Director of the University/Institute in the online application.

Note: Candidate may refer user manual for submission of application available at : https://pdf.aicte.gov.in/assets/home_page_documents/manual_for_pdf.pdf

5. The Institutes/Universities shall then verify the candidate data and approve his/her candidature on the portal. **(Candidates verification)** and approve for eligibility of disbursement of the scholarship.

Detailed scheme guidelines/user manual and procedure for online registration of candidates and approval of eligibility of the candidate by the institute is available at link <https://pdf.aicte.gov.in/>

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