Advertisement for Post-Doctoral Fellow (PDF) under the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme for Electronics and IT: Phase II (MeitY, Government of India)

Advertisement No.: NERIST/Visvesvaraya-PDF/2026/01 **Date: 18.11.2026**

North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology (NERIST), Nirjuli, invites applications from motivated and research-oriented Indian scholars for Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF) positions under the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme for Electronics and IT: Phase II, sponsored by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, subject to applicable scheme guidelines. Candidates should demonstrate a proven research record in Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) and/or Information Technology/IT Enabled Services (IT/ITES), evidenced by doctoral research, peer-reviewed publications and other recognitions.

The fellowship is a full-time, temporary and non-transferable research assignment. Mere fulfilment of eligibility criteria does not confer any right to shortlisting or selection.

A. Broad Areas of Research and Participating Departments

Applications may be considered in the following broad areas, subject to availability of an approved mentor, institutional facilities and sanctioned fellowship seat(s).

Department and Details of the Supervisor	Illustrative broad areas of research
Center for Management **Approved Supervisor:** Dr. Shibabrata Chaudhary, Associate Professor, Center for Management, NERIST	Digital Business Process including data Analytics

B. Eligibility Criteria

1. The applicant must be an Indian citizen.
2. The applicant must possess a PhD degree from a recognized university, with first class (or equivalent grades) at all preceding academic levels and a consistently good academic record.
3. The PhD must have been completed within the five years immediately preceding the last date for submission of the application to NERIST.
4. The applicant must not exceed 40 years of age on the date of submission of the application to NERIST.
5. The applicant must have a proven record of research, supported by peer-reviewed publications, recognitions and/or relevant research outputs in ESDM or IT/ITES.
6. The applicant must not have obtained the PhD degree from NERIST, the proposed host institution.
7. Applicants in regular employment are not eligible. Researchers holding temporary academic or research appointments may be considered, but must relinquish the existing position upon selection and before joining.

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8. An applicant already receiving any other fellowship from a government or non-government source is not eligible to receive it concurrently with this PDF award.
9. A suitable mentor/guide must be identified by the host institution. The mentor must hold a regular academic/research position in a recognized Indian institution and possess a PhD in Science or Engineering.
10. The research proposal must clearly specify objectives, methodology, expected outcomes, milestones and measurable deliverables within the fellowship tenure.
11. Preference may be accorded to applicants with active industry linkages and research proposals addressing industry-specific problems.
12. NERIST may prescribe additional shortlisting criteria consistent with the applicable scheme guidelines; meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee an interview or selection.

C. Nature, Tenure and Financial Support

The fellowship is tenable in India only, at the host institution to which the PDF seat is allotted. The initial tenure is one year. Any extension, if permitted, is subject to performance review and approval by the PhD Cell, Digital India Corporation (DIC), MeitY, under the applicable scheme provisions.

Component	Amount / provision
Monthly fellowship	₹1,08,393 per month (₹13,00,716 for 12 months).
Contingency grant	₹1,00,000 per year, subject to scheme rules and approved utilization; NIT Silchar describes pro-rata disbursement.
Specified travel support	Up to ₹2,10,000 under the heads identified in the NIT Rourkela advertisement, subject to current scheme authorization and approval: (a) visa fee and one-time travel support for eligible overseas faculty/applicants returning to India to take up the fellowship; (b) participation in invited Visvesvaraya scheme activities/events/workshops.
Illustrative aggregate maximum	₹16,10,716 comprising 12 months fellowship, annual contingency and the stated travel-support ceiling; this is not a guaranteed cash payment to each fellow.

The contingency grant may be used for eligible minor equipment, consumables and other research-related expenditure in accordance with the scheme. The host institution is expected to provide necessary administrative and infrastructure support. No separate research personnel support is provided; the fellow is expected to perform the approved research personally.

D. General Conditions of the Fellowship

13. The PDF is a full-time assignment and shall not be held simultaneously with another fellowship or a full-time/part-time employment assignment.
14. The fellowship is temporary, non-transferable and confined to the host institution where the PDF seat is allocated and the fellow is enrolled.
15. The fellow shall work under the approved mentor and adhere to the approved research plan, reporting requirements, financial rules and applicable institutional regulations.
16. The fellow must not claim regular employment or automatic absorption in NERIST by virtue of holding the fellowship.
17. Any discontinuation or resignation shall be dealt with in accordance with the scheme; the reference guidelines specify one month's advance notice by the institution to the PhD Cell, DIC, MeitY.

18. Expenditure shall not be incurred after the effective date of resignation or termination; progress/work reports and other documents must be submitted as required.
19. The PhD Cell, DIC, MeitY may withhold, stop or discontinue support for inadequate research progress, improper utilization of grants, non-compliance with guidelines or other reasons deemed appropriate by the scheme authorities.
20. The PhD Cell, DIC, MeitY may revise applicable terms and conditions. The latest approved scheme guidelines shall prevail in the event of inconsistency.

E. Application Procedure

Eligible candidates shall submit applications **through email to the Nodal Officer** at nodal.visvesvaraya@nerist.ac.in by closing date. A non-refundable and non-transferable application fee of ₹ 1500.00 (Rupees Fifteen Hundred only) along with the bank transaction charges is applicable for all candidates, irrespective of their categories. The Details of Bank Account is as given:

Bank Account Number: 35400070257
Name of the Bank Account: NERIST Academic Fee A/C
Name of the Bank: State Bank of India
Address of the Bank: NERIST Campus, P.O.- Nirjuli,
District: Papumpare, Arunachal Pradesh
IFSC: SBIN0018744; MICR Code: 791002008

21. Read the advertisement and applicable scheme guidelines carefully before applying.
22. Complete the prescribed NERIST application form and provide accurate personal, academic and research information.
23. Upload or attach a signed application, updated curriculum vitae, proof of eligibility, academic records and a research proposal. Where electronic submission is adopted, documents may be required as self-attested scanned copies in a consolidated PDF.
24. Indicate the proposed research area and preferred mentor/department where the institutional procedure permits.
25. Submit the application within the announced deadline; retain a copy and proof of submission.
26. Shortlisted candidates must produce original documents and one set of self-attested photocopies for verification at the interview or joining stage, as directed by NERIST.

F. Application and Document Checklist

27. Completed and signed prescribed application form and recent passport-size photographs.
28. Updated curriculum vitae, including teaching/research experience, publications, patents, awards and recognitions.
29. Mark sheets/grade cards and degree/pass certificates from Class X and XII through undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD levels, as applicable.
30. PhD degree certificate and documentary proof of the date of award/completion.
31. Date-of-birth proof (e.g., Class X certificate or birth certificate).
32. Research proposal describing the background, objectives, methods, work plan, milestones, outcomes and deliverables.
33. Copies of selected publications, patents, evidence of industry collaboration and other supporting testimonials.
34. Category/disability certificates, if applicable and required under institutional rules; applicable validity requirements shall be notified by NERIST.
35. GATE/NET/GPAT or other qualifying scorecards, if applicable.
36. Relieving letter / proof of relinquishment of temporary appointment, if applicable, before joining.
37. Transfer, migration or conduct certificate and Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) ID, if required by NERIST at admission/joining.
38. Any additional documents specified in the final advertisement or interview call letter.

G. Important Dates

Event	Schedule
Publication of advertisement	18.11.2026
Last date for receipt of applications through email	26.11.2026
Publication/intimation of shortlisting	27.11.2026
Interview date	30.11.2026
Tentative date of joining	Within 15 days

H. Scrutiny, Interview and Selection

39. Applications will be scrutinized by a duly constituted NERIST committee in accordance with the sanctioned PDF seats and scheme guidelines.
40. Candidates may be shortlisted on academic record, PhD research relevance, quality of publications, research proposal, proposed mentor alignment and other approved criteria.
41. Shortlisted applicants will be informed through the official NERIST channel, ordinarily by email, and may be called for an interview/presentation of the proposed research.
42. Candidates must present original certificates for verification and furnish self-attested copies as instructed.
43. The selection committee shall recommend suitable candidate(s) to the competent authority, subject to the applicable scheme approvals and verification of documents.

Candidates called for an in-person interview shall make their own arrangements for travel and accommodation, unless NERIST expressly notifies otherwise.

44. No TA/DA will be paid for attending the interview unless NERIST expressly notifies otherwise.
45. NERIST reserves the right not to fill any position, to revise the schedule, or to cancel the process, subject to applicable rules.

I. Important Instructions

- Incomplete, unsigned, unsupported or late applications may be rejected under the final notified procedure.
- False declarations, suppression of material information or invalid certificates may result in cancellation of candidature or discontinuation of the fellowship.
- Candidates are responsible for checking the official NERIST website and their registered email for updates.
- All financial benefits and tenure conditions remain subject to fund availability, sanctioned seats, and the latest guidelines of the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme.
- The official scheme portal cited is https://phd.digitalindiacorporation.in/ .

J. Correspondence:

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This is issued with the approval of the competent authority.

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North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology (NERIST) (Deemed to be University under MoE, Govt. of India) Nirjuli – 791109, Arunachal Pradesh **APPLICATION FORM** **Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF) under the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme for Electronics and IT: Phase II** (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India) **Advertisement No.: NERIST/Visvesvaraya-PDF/2026/01 dated 11.11.2026**	Affix recent passport-size photograph (self-attested, signed across)

Application No. (for office use): _____

Instructions: Fill in all fields in capital letters (typed preferred). Write "N/A" where not applicable. Sign every page. Email the signed form with all self-attested enclosures as ONE consolidated PDF to nodal.visvesvaraya@nerist.ac.in on or before 22.11.2026. Use the subject line: "Application for Visvesvaraya PDF – <Your Name>".

1. Position Applied For	
Broad area of research	
Department / Centre	
Approved supervisor / mentor	
Scheme thrust area	☐ ESDM ☐ IT / ITES
Title of proposed research	

2. Personal Details	
Full name (as in Class X certificate)	
Father's / Mother's name	
Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	
Age as on date of application	____ years ____ months ____ days (must not exceed 40 years)
Gender	☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other
Category	☐ GEN ☐ EWS ☐ OBC-NCL ☐ SC ☐ ST
Person with Benchmark Disability (PwBD)	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, type and %: _____
Nationality	Indian
Address for correspondence (with PIN)	
Permanent address (with PIN)	
Mobile number	
E-mail ID	
ABC ID (if available)	

3. Educational Qualifications (Class X onwards)

First class or equivalent grade is required at all levels preceding the PhD.

Examination	Board / University	Subject(s) / Specialisation	Year of passing	% / CGPA (scale)	Class / Division
Class X					
Class XII					
UG (B.E./B.Tech/B.Sc./other)					
PG (M.E./M.Tech/M.Sc./other)					
Other (specify)					

4. Ph.D. Details

Title of Ph.D. thesis	
University / Institute awarding Ph.D.	
Ph.D. supervisor(s) (name and affiliation)	
Date of thesis submission	
Date of viva-voce / defence	
Date of award / notification of Ph.D.	
Ph.D. awarded within the last five years?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Ph.D. obtained from NERIST?	☐ Yes ☐ No (candidates with a Ph.D. from NERIST are not eligible)

5. National-Level Qualifying Examinations (if any)

Examination (GATE/NET/GPAT/other)	Year	Score / Rank / Percentile	Discipline

6. Present Employment and Fellowship Status

Currently in regular employment?	☐ Yes ☐ No (regular employees are not eligible)
Currently holding a temporary academic / research appointment?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes: designation, organisation and period	

Willing to relinquish the present position before joining?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable
Currently receiving any other fellowship (government / non-government)?	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, details: _____

7. Research and Professional Experience (after PG, latest first)

Position held	Organisation	From	To	Nature of work

8. Research Output Summary

Category	Number
Journal papers – SCI / SCIE indexed	
Journal papers – Scopus indexed (other than above)	
Conference papers (IEEE / Springer / Elsevier / other indexed)	
Book chapters / books	
Patents (filed / published / granted)	
Copyrights / software / technology transfer	
h-index (Google Scholar / Scopus – mention source)	

List your five most relevant publications (authors, title, journal/conference, volume, pages, year, DOI, indexing). Attach first pages.

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9. Awards, Recognitions and Industry Linkages

Awards / honours / recognitions	
Industry collaboration / linkages (if any)	
Relevance of proposed work to industry-specific problems	

10. Summary of Research Proposal	
Give a brief summary below (maximum one page in total). Attach the detailed research proposal separately.	
Background and motivation	
Objectives	
Methodology	
Expected outcomes and deliverables	
Milestones (quarter-wise, 12 months)	Q1 (months 1–3): Q2 (months 4–6): Q3 (months 7–9): Q4 (months 10–12):
Alignment with the mentor's research area	

11. Application Fee Details	
Non-refundable fee of ₹1,500/- plus bank charges, for all categories. Account: NERIST Academic Fee A/C, A/c No. 35400070257, State Bank of India, NERIST Campus, Nirjuli; IFSC: SBIN0018744; MICR: 791002008.	
Amount paid (₹)	
Transaction ID / UTR No.	
Date of payment	
Name of remitting bank	

12. Checklist of Enclosures (tick and attach in the given order)		
Sl.	**Document**	**Enclosed**
1	Completed and signed application form with photograph	☐
2	Updated curriculum vitae (experience, publications, patents, awards)	☐
3	Mark sheets / grade cards and certificates: Class X, XII, UG, PG	☐
4	Ph.D. degree certificate / proof of date of award	☐
5	Date-of-birth proof (Class X certificate / birth certificate)	☐
6	Detailed research proposal (objectives, methods, work plan, milestones, outcomes, deliverables)	☐
7	First pages of selected publications, patents; evidence of industry collaboration; testimonials	☐
8	Category / PwBD certificate (if applicable)	☐
9	GATE / NET / GPAT or other scorecards (if applicable)	☐
10	No-objection / undertaking to relinquish temporary appointment (if applicable)	☐
11	Proof of payment of application fee	☐

13. Declaration by the Applicant

I hereby declare that:

1. I am a citizen of India and satisfy all the eligibility conditions stated in Advertisement No. NERIST/Visvesvaraya-PDF/2026/01.
2. I have not obtained my Ph.D. degree from NERIST, I am not in regular employment, and I shall not receive any other fellowship concurrently with this fellowship.
3. If selected, I shall relinquish any temporary appointment before joining and shall work full-time under the approved mentor according to the approved research plan, the scheme guidelines and the rules of NERIST.
4. I understand that the fellowship is temporary and does not entitle me to regular employment or absorption in NERIST.
5. All information given in this application is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false information or suppression of facts may lead to rejection of my candidature or termination of the fellowship at any stage.

Place: _____ Date: _____	**Signature of the applicant** (Full name: _____)

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Date of receipt of application	
Fee verified	☐ Yes ☐ No
Eligibility verified (scrutiny committee)	☐ Eligible ☐ Not eligible Remarks: _____
Shortlisted for interview	☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature of Scrutiny Committee member(s)	Nodal Officer, Visvesvaraya Ph.D. Scheme, NERIST