राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान ,राउरकेला

National Institute of Technology, Rourkela

No. NITR/AC/Res/2026/L/2537 **6th November,2026**

Advertisement for Post-Doctoral Fellow (PDF) recruitment under Visvesvaraya Scheme under Meity, 2026

NIT Rourkela invites applications in the form of research proposals from highly motivated and research-oriented scholars for **Post-Doctoral Fellow (PDF)** recruitment under the Visvesvaraya Scheme under MeitY. The applicant must have a proven track record in **Electronics System Design & Manufacturing (ESDM) and IT/IT Enabled Services (IT/ITES)** sectors as a part of PhD Thesis work established through their research publications and recognition**.** If the Post-Doctoral Fellow is availing himself/herself any other fellowship, he/she is not eligible to apply.

A. Broad Areas of Research

Sl. No.	Department	Broad Area of Research	No. of Seats
a)	**Electronics & Communication Engineering (EC)**	Electronic System Design & Manufacturing (ESDM), IT/IT Enabled Services (ITES)	**01**
b)	**Electrical Engineering (EE)**		
c)	**Computer Science & Engineering (CS)**		

B. Time Schedule of Interview Process

Last date of online application (Applications should be submitted at https://eapplication.nitrkl.ac.in/	**22nd November, 2026**
Date of Scrutiny Result	**24th November, 2026**
Date of PDF Interview Process **(Venue – NIT Rourkela, OFFLINE)**	**27th November, 2026**

C. For Eligibility Criteria, please follow the instructions mentioned below:

1. 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.
2. 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.

3. The upper age limit for the fellowship is 40 years on the date of submission of application to the eligible participating institution.
4. Preference would be given to the PDF applicants who have active industry linkages and their research proposal is directed towards industry specific problems.
5. The research proposal of the PDF applicant, to be submitted to the institution, should define clear objectives, outcomes and deliverables against the award.
6. 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; however, they would be required to relinquish their current roles if selected for the fellowship.
7. PDF applicants should not have completed their PhD at the same institution where the PDF fellowship is to be awarded.

D. The following points may be considered for nature and duration of the fellowship support:

- The fellowship is tenable only in India and can be implemented in any of the recognized & eligible academic and R&D institutions.
- The fellowship is purely a temporary assignment, and is tenable for a period of 01 year.
- The award will be for one year initially and extendible based on performance review by PhD Cell, DIC, MeitY.
- The fellows will be entitled to receive the grants as given below:

Sl. No.	Budget Head	Total Amount (Rs.)
1	Fellowship @ ₹1,08,393/- per month	13,00,716
2	PDF Contingency @ ₹1,00,000/- per year	1,00,000
3	Travel support for PDF awardees, limited to: a) visa fee and one-time travel support for overseas faculty/applicant returning to India to take up the PDF assignment; and b) participation in activities/events/workshops of the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme on invitation from PhD Cell, DIC	2,10,000
	Total	**16,10,716**

a) The fellow is expected to undertake the research objectives by himself/herself during the entire duration of the fellowship.

b) PDF is a full-time assignment. The fellows are not eligible to receive any other fellowship from any Government or Non-Government source during the tenure of the fellowship.

c) Post-doctoral positions are non-transferrable. The research work is to be carried out in the same eligible institution at which PDF seat is allocated and the fellow is enrolled.

d) Just fulfilling the minimum eligibility criteria should not entitle a candidate to be selected.

e) In case the post-doctoral fellow undertakes any full/part-time assignment, his/her PDF award under the scheme would be discontinued.

f) PhD Cell, DIC; MeitY reserves the right to hold/ stop/ discontinue the fellowship at any stage, if

- Appropriate progress is not being made.
- The grant is not being utilized properly.
- Violation/ Non-compliance of guidelines.
- Any other reason, which is deemed appropriate by PhD Cell, DIC, MeitY.

E. Application Fee & Procedure:

Interested candidates satisfying the eligibility criteria may submit their **online application at** https://eapplication.nitrkl.ac.in/. The applicants are advised to:

a) Read this advertisement and the instructions to fill up the online application form given in the online portal carefully,

b) Pay non-refundable **Application Fee of Rs**. **500/-** through SB Collect only. No other mode of payment is acceptable. The applicant has to search **SB COLLECT -> EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS -> ODISHA -> DIRECTOR NIT ROURKELA - Application Fee Visvesvaraya Ph.D./Post-Doc 2026→ SELECT Post-Doc.** Note down the SB Collect Reference Number. Application fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances.

c) **Fill up the online application form and enter the SB Collect Reference Number in the "Update Application Fee Details" link given at homepage of http://eapplication.nitrkl.ac.in and SUBMIT the application.**

Applicants are **NOT** required to send hard copy of the application form or any other document(s) to NIT Rourkela**.** However, candidates who will be called for interview will be required to submit signed copy of the application form, and a set of photo copies of all certificates. **They also need to produce original certificates from HSC onwards for verification**

For admission, the candidates are required to bring the following documents in **ORIGINAL alongwith a set of self-attested copy of each certificate:**

a) Signed copy of application form downloaded from https://eapplication.nitrkl.ac.in/

b) Marks sheets/Grade Cards of all examinations from Class-X onwards

c) Degree / pass Certificates from Class-X onwards

d) PhD Degree certificate

e) College leaving/Transfer Certificate in Original, if applicable

f) Migration Certificate of last studied institute in Original.

g) Conduct Certificate of last studied institute in Original.

h) OBC-NCL/SC/ST/PWD Certificate, if applicable. (OBC-NCL/EWS certificate issued on or after **1st April, 2026).**

i) GATE/NET/GPAT etc. Score Card, if applicable

j) ABC ID

k) Relieving letter for the candidates who are in service/working.

l) Two (02) recent Passport size colour photographs

m) Printout of e-Receipt of SB Collect payment for ADMISSION FEE.

Also for any query, Email admission@nitrkl.ac.in & Telephone- (**+91) 661 246 4052, (+91) 661 246 2033, (+91) 661 246 2031**

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar (Academic)