Ph.D. Admissions – January 2026 session

INFORMATION BROCHURE

Indian Institute of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing Kurnool

(An Institute of National Importance under the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

Kurnool – 518008, Andhra Pradesh, India

1. ABOUT IIITDM KURNOOL:

Indian Institute of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing (IIITDM) Kurnool is an Institute of National Importance under the Ministry of Education, Government of India. It is established in 2015, and aimed to become a Centre of Excellence for pursuing Design and Manufacturing oriented Engineering Education and Research domains.

Currently, the Institute is offering four (4) B. Tech. programmes in Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (AI&DS), Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), and Mechanical Engineering (ME), three (3) B. Tech Dual Degree Programmes in CSE, ECE & ME, and Seven (7) M. Tech. programmes in Departments of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), and Mechanical Engineering (ME).

Ph.D. programmes, in Science and Engineering departments are being offered, in frontier research areas under the guidance of experienced faculty.

2. PROGRAMS OFFERED:

1. Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering
2. Ph.D. in Electronics and Communication Engineering
3. Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering
4. Ph.D. in Sciences (Physics / Mathematics / English)
5. Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program (Full-Time Ph.D. with MoE Fellowship)

3. CATEGORY OF ADMISSION:

a) Full-Time Ph.D.

i) Regular Full-Time Program with MoE Fellowship – HTRA

ii) Regular Full-Time Program with Financial Support from Sponsored Project / External Funding Scheme from Govt. (DST/UGC/CSIR/DRDO/NBHM, etc.)

b) Part-Time Ph.D.

i) For permanent employees of Government R&D labs, educational institutions, Govt. Organizations, Govt. industry, PSUs/State undertakings, who can submit No Objection Certificate from their employee and are working in the cadre equivalent to Scientist-C/Assistant Professor/Lecturer in Government having at least three years of experience are eligible.

ii) For employees of Private Organization/Industry/Educational Institutions standing (i.e., established at least five years before to the last date of applying for Ph.D. (Part-time) admission as per the advertisement) with membership in CII/ASSOCHEM or any other equivalent membership with Permanent/Regular Employees from Private Industries/Education Institutions with R & D facilities having at least three years' experience are eligible.

iii) Regular Staff of IIITDM Kurnool with at least 3 years of experience at IIITDM Kurnool.

4. Highlights of IIITDM Kurnool:

1. State-of-the-art research facilities and laboratories available.
2. MoU with C.R.Rao AIMSCS for Research collaborations.
3. Financial support for Rs. 2 Lakhs for attending National/International conferences during the PhD period for regular PhD Scholars (MoE fellowship).
4. Well-stocked library with digital resources.

5. Hostels with essential amenities for students (wifi, Internet, Shopping complexes).
6. Sports facilities for physical activities and recreation.

5. Age Criteria (By the last date of apply for Ph.D.):

Full-Time: 30 Years and relaxation for OBC/SC/ST as per the GoI rules

Part-Time: Maximum 50 years for applicants from Industry and R&D Organizations: and maximum 35 for Academic institutions with R & D facilities.

6. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

4.1. Ph.D. Admission (Under MoE Fellowship/HTRA):

Scholars under the HTRA category are eligible for Half-Time Research Assistantship (HTRA) provided by the Institute under the following regulations:

a) The scholars need to carry out Teaching Assistantship (TA) for at least 8 hours per week.

b) Renewal of assistantship for every subsequent semester will be contingent on enrolment, satisfactory progress in research work, and good performance during the preceding semester.

1st and 2nd Year (JRF): 37,000/-   & 3rd – 5th Year (SRF*): 42,000/-

Financial assistance and HRA are provided to selected scholars based on the prescribed rules of MoE and Institute rules respectively.

*Upgradation from JRF to SRF is based on the assessment and recommendations of the Doctoral Committee.

4.2. Ph.D. Admission (Under Sponsored Project):

Scholars admitted under Project category are eligible for an assistantship from Sponsored Research project under regulations of the respective Project agency (DST/SERB/CSIR/DRDO etc.,). The admission to this category is contingent upon the successful selection of the candidate for Project.

Research Scholars under the Sponsored Project get fellowship from respective project.

4.3: PhD scholars enrolled in a sponsored project for a period of 2.5 years or more, are entitled to financial assistance (by Institute) additionally for one more year.

4.4: HRA: Housing Rent Allowance at 10% will be granted to married scholars who are not using hostel facilities and are living off-campus.

4.5: Allowing one overseas international conference presentation to **regular Ph.D. scholars** (MoE Fellowship) during their entire Ph.D. tenure towards presenting their research work with financial support from institute up to INR 2 lakhs for Group-A countries and INR 1.5 Lakhs for Group B countries.

7. APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Interested and eligible candidates shall submit an online application using the portal available on the Institute website (www.iiitk.ac.in). Enclosures such as GATE score card/ CSIR-UGC-JRF, Educational and Experience certificates, online fee payment receipt, No Objection Certificate (NOC) (as per Annexure-A) in case of Part-time applicants) and sponsorship/undertaking certificate (as per Annexure-B) in case of Part-time applicants) in support of application are to be uploaded as separate documents (pdf), along with the application form. In case, NOC and Undertaking Certificate is not enclosed at the time of online submission, a duly-signed self-declaration form should be uploaded by the candidate stating that NOC and Undertaking Certificate will be submitted at the time of interview. After filling the form, applicants are advised to take a printout of their application and keep the same for future record.

Application Fee:
Gen/OBC/EWS candidates: Rs.500/-
SC/ST/PwD candidates: Rs.250/-

Candidates need to pay application fee only through online mode and the details are as follows.
Payment link: https://forms.eduqfix.com/phdiiitdmk/add

Note: It is instructed to keep one copy of payment proof for future reference.

Shortlisted candidates qualified for the Written test/Interview need to submit the following self-attested documents.

Original certificates are to be produced for verification on the day of Written test / Interview**:**
a) Copies of all Mark/grade cards, degree certificates beginning from SSLC/SSC towards proof of qualification with original certificates.
b) Copy of latest Community Certificate in the case of SC/ST/OBC/Economically Weaker Section (EWS) candidates issued by the competent authority of respective State Government.
c) Authorized Doctor's Certificate with disability descriptions in the case of Person with Disabled (PwD) candidates.
d) Copy of GATE or CSIR UGC-JRF/NET/JEST/Inspire fellowship or any other fellowship awarded if any.
e) Copy of proof of relevant Experience certificate, if applicable.
f) Copy of No Objection Certificate (as per Annexure-A) in case of Part-time applicants and Sponsorship certificate (as per Annexure- B) in case of Part-time applicants, if any.

8. SELECTION PROCEDURE
a) Respective Departments will conduct the shortlisting and selection process.
b) Eligible candidates possessing the minimum educational qualifications and satisfying additional criteria set by the institute from time to time only will be called for the written test and/or Interview.
c) An entrance examination shall be conducted for all the applicants (Full-Time and Part-Time) who does not have GATE or NET qualification.
d) The syllabus for the written test and/ or Interview is **GATE 2025 syllabus in respective subject.**
e) Applicants with a valid GATE or CSIR/UGC-NET qualification will be directly eligible for the interview.
f) The question paper for written exam will consist of 50 MCQ based on the GATE/NET syllabus.
g) Each question will carry 2 marks, with a negative marking of 0.5 marks for every incorrect answer.
h) The cut-off marks shall be determined in line with the GATE 2025 standards
i) The exam will be conducted either in CBT (Moodle) mode or offline based on number of applications.
j) Based on the academic record and the performance of the candidates in the written test and/or Interview test**,** the selection committee will finalize the applicants for admission to the Ph.D. programme.

9. RESERVATION OF SEATS:
Reservations are applicable as per the rules and regulation of the Govt. of India. 5% relaxation for the educational qualification for SC/ST candidates will be applicable.

10. FEE STRUCTURE:
The Fee structure for the Ph. D. programme is given in **Annexure 'C'.**

No TA/DA will be paid for attending written exam and/or Interview for Ph.D. admission.

Note: a) Rules and Regulations for the PhD programs (Ph.D. Full time / Part Time) are available in the belowlink: https://iiitk.ac.in/Rules-and-Regulations/page

For any queries e-mail: phdadmissions@iiitk.ac.in / Contact: 08518289121

IMPORTANT DATES

Web notification of the PhD Advertisement	26-11-2025
Online application registration process start date	26-11-2025
Last date for the submission of online Application form	10-12-2025
Notification of shortlisted candidates for Interview/Written Test	15-12-2025
Tentative dates for Interview/Written Test	22-23rd Dec 2025
Publication of Final Results	26-12-2025
Last date for seat acceptance and fee payment:	29-12-2025
Reporting to the Institute	01-02nd Jan 2026

Note: For checking Eligibility Criteria, please visit department brochure.

<u>NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE FROM THE EMPLOYER</u>
(For Part-Time Ph.D. applicants only)

The application from Mr. /Ms.. Working as …………………………

.... in .... since ...., is here with

recommended and forwarded to pursue Ph.D. programme under Part-time registration in Jan 2026 session in

the Department of .... at Indian Institute of Information Technology Design and

Manufacturing Kurnool.

Date: Signature of the Officer with

                                                                                    Name and address of the Organization

                                                                                    Office Seal

Undertaking Certificate

(To be submitted on the official letterhead by Ph.D. part-time candidates (excluding employees of IIITDM Kurnool).

Date:

The application from Mr./Ms .... working as.. in ....since .... is herewith recommended and forwarded for admission under part time Ph.D. Program in the Department of … .... at Indian Institute of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing Kurnool.

Certified that:

1. Our organization has adequate facilities for carrying out the research as indicated by the applicant and if he/she is selected, these will be made available to him/her till the completion of the programme.

2. The applicant will be deputed/given leave for duration of his/her residence period at IIITDM Kurnool. (The details of residential requirements are available under RP 3.4 of Part-time Ph.D. - Regulations document on the institute website: https://iiitk.ac.in/Rules-and-Regulations/page)

3. Facilities will be made available to the Supervisor (External Research Supervisor) to supervise the work of the applicant and to attend the DC meetings at IIITDM Kurnool, when necessary.

4. Till the completion of his/her research programme, the applicant will not ordinarily be transferred to another unit or place which may impede his/her work under the scheme. If such a transfer is necessary, IIITDM Kurnool will be informed at least before one month of such transfer order.

5. No part of the work carried out in fulfilment of the Research programme will be utilized commercially or for applying for a Patent without the approval of Indian Institute of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing Kurnool.

Signature of the Head of the Institution

Name and Designation

Seal of the organization/ Institute

Fee Structure

Ph.D. Fee Structure for the AY 2025-26 (Semester Wise)

	Tuition Fee (in Rs)	Semester Wise	
		Open & OBC	SC & ST
1	**Tuition Fee**	30,000	0
	Total (1)	**30,000**	**0**
2	**Other Fee #**		
	a) Internet & ICT Fee	1,200	1,200
	b) Library Fee	1,000	1,000
	c) Contingency Fee	2,750	2,750
	d) Examination Fee	1,000	1,000
	e) Medical Insurance & PHC	2,000	2,000
	f) Sports Fee	1,500	1,500
	Total (2)	**9,450**	**9,450**
3	**One Time Fee**		
	a) Admission Fee (Registration Fee, Certificate Fee, ID card Fee, Convocation Fee, Alumni Association Fee)	5,000	5,000
	b) Caution Money (**Refundable**)*	2,000	2,000
	c) Institute Development Fee	2,000	2,000
	d) Professional Society Fee (IEEE, IE, ACM, etc)	2,000	2,000
	Total (3)	**11,000**	**11,000**
4	**Hostel Fee**		
	a) Hostel Admission Fee	500	500
	b) Hostel Seat rent	3,500	3,500
	c) Hostel Maintenance Charges	9,500	9,500
	d) Hostel Development Fee	1,000	1,000
	e) Dining Charges -Advance^	17,000	17,000
	Total (4)	**31,500**	**31,500**
	Grand Total (1 + 2 + 3 +4):	**81,950**	**51,950**

Note:
1. # Other fees may vary from time to time – Semester Wise.
2. * Caution Money is refundable at the time of leaving the institute after deducting dues, if any.
3. ^ Dining Charges -Advance, is subjected to change depending on the Mess contract.
4. If a candidate pays the fee and cancel the admission before the last date of seat acceptance period: Full fees will be refunded after deducting processing charges of Rs. 3,000/-.
5. If a candidate pays the fee and cancel the admission after the last date of seat acceptance period: No refund will be provided.
6. If a student discontinues the course after joining, the caution money and mess charges (on a pro-rata basis), will be refund.

Campus (Academic and Administrative Buildings)

Hostel Buildings