

**ORDINANCE FOR ADMITTING WORKING PROFESSIONALS FOR
RESEARCH STUDIES LEADING TO Ph.D.
(Non Full Time)
With effect from 2018**

Preamble:

Currently the admission to various Ph.D. programmes in Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad (IIITA) is on full time basis and on scholarship support. Somehow this is inhibiting even the candidates who could be sponsored and deputed for full time Ph.D. studies from applying.

There are Industries, R&D organisations, Laboratories, Government. / Private Institutions, NGOs, Banking Institutions, and other Academic Institutions where quality infrastructure for advance research and even the inquisitive and right kind of aspirants to take up advance research activities are present in such places, but the mechanism to convert such work spots to research study centres is lacking. If IIITA, the institute of higher learning and of national importance could exploit this scenario and could create a win-win mechanism, the objective of enhancing of research quality and culture and of bringing the professional world in closer proximity to the institute could be accomplished.

In this backdrop it is proposed to recognize appropriate professional centres as research centres, for enabling research studies leading to Ph.D., and also to provide admission for the working professionals on full / part time basis from the next academic year and onwards.

Accordingly the proposed ordinance is as follows:

Ordinance for working professionals for research studies leading to Ph. D.

1. Suitably qualified working professionals as per the standards of admission to Ph.D. will be eligible to apply for respective research studies in various subjects as available in IIITA.
2. Such an aspirant may be exempted from appearing for an entrance test in lieu of sponsorship that she/he holds, however the candidate has to face the interview process before s/he could be formally admitted.
3. A sponsored candidate can be a full time residential scholar in IIITA or may even be considered for admission as full time / part time scholar at her/his work place itself, provided the work place could be recognized as a research centre upon the compliance of the following stipulations* thereto:
 - 3.1 The said work place / professional centre should formally sponsor the aspirant candidate for research studies on full / part time basis.

* *These are also applicable to the working professionals registering for M.Tech by research / M.B.A. for working professionals. A working professional can also be an international working professional.*

- 3.2 The Management / Administration of the work place / professional centre should agree to extend the research facilities, infrastructural support, library / computing resources and sufficient quality time for the researcher.
- 3.3 The Management / Administration of the Work place / Professional centre should be willing to extend the logistics of providing local hospitality and travel expenses to the research supervisor(s) / Doctoral committee whenever the visit is warranted for monitoring and reviewing the research progress and also grant permission to the candidate to travel to IITA to meet research supervisor(s) / Doctoral committee for discussion and assessment process.
- 3.4 The Management / Administration of the Work place / Professional centre should be able to identify a suitably qualified resource person, if available, to act as a local mentor / local supervisor for the research candidate, who could be identified as the joint supervisor for such a candidate by IITTA along with the main supervisor from IITTA.
4. Such a sponsored candidate may complete the course requirement in remote mode, remaining in contact with the research supervisor(s) on line / offline. S/he has to carry out the studies as stipulated, submit the assignments, participate in discussion-sessions, present seminars, appear for quizzes, review tests etc. offline or online or in person. However such a sponsored candidate has to be in the campus of IITTA with the research supervisor(s) at least for 15 days in every 6 months.
5. The research papers / patents resulting from such joint work will be the joint properties of both the institute and the professional workplace, and the advantage will be proportionately shared.
6. If the sponsored candidate is a full-time research candidate, s/he would be governed by the present minimum duration stipulations. However, if the sponsored candidate is a part time Ph.D. candidate, then the minimum duration required to submit the Ph.D. Thesis would be 48 months.