

PhD Programme for Working Professionals

Eligibility Criteria:

- Candidates must have at least three (3) years of relevant work experience (experience may include stints at multiple organizations). They must be in serving in the following categories where appropriate R&D facilities exist:
 - a. Departments and Ministries of the GoI or any other government organization
 - b. Established industrial research and developmental organizations
 - c. Recognized autonomous bodies and public undertakings
 - d. Recognized universities/colleges
 - e. Established industries / start-ups.
- Candidates under this category need not be GATE or CSIR-UGC NET (LS) qualified.
- All other educational qualifications will be the same as those required for regular PhD candidates, as per the Institute PhD Regulations.

Course work requirements:

- Course work requirements is similar as regular PhD students.
- Candidates may take online courses with the concurrence from their supervisor(s) with the approval of Dean (PG&RP). The online course can be taken from IIT Bhubaneswar or NPTEL. The courses from other IITs/NISER/IISER/IISc can be considered on the basis of MoU signed with them. However, students must attend the mid-semester and end-semester examination in-person at IIT Bhubaneswar. The examination shall be conducted by the subject coordinator (assigned by the HoS/HoD) during the scheduled date of mid-semester / end-semester examination as per the academic calendar.
- Contact hours of the online courses must be same as the contact hours of courses offered by the institute, with $\pm 5\%$ deviation.

Fees:

- Tuition Fees for “PhD for working professionals” irrespective of category (Gen/SC/ST/OBC/EWS/PwD), shall be ₹ 25,000/- per Semester. Other fees shall be same as applicable to Sponsored Category Scholars.

Other Terms & Conditions:

- Candidates need to produce No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the present employer while applying.

- Candidates admitted under this category cannot be converted to the Regular PhD Category (Institute fellowship category) at any point of time.
- Candidates joining under this category shall not receive any financial support from the Institute.
- All other terms & conditions mentioned in prevailing PhD regulations for Regular Scholars shall be applicable to the Scholars of this category
- A faculty member can be the Supervisor of maximum two PhD Scholars under this category at a time.