

Guidelines regarding Overseas Research Fellowship (ORF) for Ph.D. Students

The Overseas Research Fellowship (ORF) is designed to provide all Ph.D. students at the IIIT-D to an exposure to international research environment. The goal is to facilitate a visit by a student to undertake research under the supervision of a reputed scholar abroad (usually with someone with whom their supervisors have collaborative links). Students getting an ORF will be required to do TA-ship for two additional semesters.

All ORF fellows must return to the institute after completion of their fellowship, for completing their thesis. The amount of ORF will be limited to the sum equivalent to USD 12000 for the duration of six months calculated @ USD 2000 per month.

For ORF applications, below listed documents need to be submitted to admin-Ph.D.:

- Student's CV
- Invitation email from collaborator
- Research statement
- Advisor recommendation
- A declaration from student stating that "The research I conduct as part of this collaborative research will contribute towards my thesis."
- A similar confirmation from Collaborator side with regard to above point.
- ORF Application Form (available at <http://www.iiitd.ac.in/link>)
- Letter of support from a mentor overseas on the institution's letterhead detailing nature of support (lab space, direct supervision, etc.), and also mentioning why the student would be a perfect fit for their lab/research group/institution

Evaluation of ORF applications will be done by a sub-committee of the AAC.

In the event of grant of ORF, the student is required to submit an undertaking stating that " I shall complete my thesis as per Institute rules. In the event of failure to do so I shall pay back immediately the entire financial support provided by the Institute for the ORF" (Format of undertaking is given below).



Overseas Research Fellowship (ORF) – Application Form

1. Name: _____ 2. Roll No. _____
3. Name & address of host organization : _____
4. Name of the collaborator/host Professor: _____
5. Duration : _____ to _____
6. Whether any financial support : _____
Provided by the host
(If yes, mention the amount/details)
7. Whether stipend from the Institute is required for the duration ORF and if yes, give a reason: _____

8. Whether assurance that the students should be working primarily on his/her thesis has been taken from
- i. Host /collaborator : _____
- ii. Student & advisor : _____

iii. Undertaking by student

I hereby undertake that, I am not receiving any fellowship from the University where I propose to visit. If I get a fellowship from abroad then it will be my sole responsibility to follow the rules and restriction of the funding agencies of India and abroad.

Name of Advisor:
Signature:
Date:

Name of Student:
Signature:
Date:

Verification by Academic

9. Application submitted on : _____
10. Status of fellowship held by student : Institute / External (if external mention name) _____
11. Current CGPA : _____
12. Credits completed : Course work credits _____ Research credits _____
13. Whether any academic warning has been issued: _____
14. Whether BTech from IIIT D: _____ (if yes, then additional TA ship is not required)
15. Proposed committee for evaluation of ORF application: _____

16. Recommendation of committee: _____ Date _____
17. Institute support : _____
18. Recommendation of Chair PGC Affairs: _____ Date _____
19. Director's approval : _____

Note:

1. The grant of ORF is limited to max of rate of \$2000 per month, max of \$12000 for 6 months and continued fellowship support. However, both component may be adjusted where the students is receiving substantial external support.
2. While conveying the approval to the student, he/she will be asked to submit an undertaking stating that "he/she will complete his/her thesis as per Institute rules. In the event of failure to do so he/she shall pay back immediately the entire financial support provided by the Institute for the ORF". Besides for availing the ORF, he/she shall be required to do two extra semester of TAship.

Undertaking

I, Ph.D. student of IIIT-D (Roll No.....), have been granted Overseas Research Fellowship for the duration from_____to _____. I hereby undertake that; I shall complete my thesis as per Institute rules. In the event of failure to do so I shall pay back immediately the entire financial support provided by the Institute for the ORF.

Date:

Signature: