

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GANDHINAGAR

NORMS FOR CONTINUING DOCTORAL PROGRAMME (CDP)

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The **Continuing Doctoral Programme** (previously known as the External and FDP categories) is meant for candidates who given their family or professional constraints are unable to pursue the regular or standard doctoral programme offered by IITGN. In order to facilitate advanced educational opportunities for such candidates, IITGN will provide an opportunity of advance admission with one year of preparatory period; but once admitted they are required to follow the overall requirements of the regular Ph.D programme. The key features of the Continuing Doctoral Programme are listed below:

- It is envisaged that not more than 20 percent of the total Ph.D degrees offered by IITGN will be comprised of such non-regular Ph.D candidates.
- Applications should be sponsored and financially supported by their parent organizations/institutions. The parent organization/institutions should also preferably make provisions for activities such as travel to and participation in conferences. No scholarship/fellowship will be paid by IIT Gandhinagar.
- The selected candidate should be available for a preparatory phase [extending over one year] during which they will spend a minimum of 90 days at the Institute in pursuit of background preparation, outlining of research proposal, literature review, fulfilling communication skills requirements etc.
- No tuition fees will be charged during the preparatory phase. Candidates will be required to pay other prescribed levies and deposits.
- On successful completion of preparatory phase, the candidates will be formally enrolled for the Ph.D programme for which they will have to pay the prescribed tuition and other fees.
- Such candidates are expected to complete the coursework early on in the doctoral programme.
- For all candidates through CDP, minimum two years of residency is required, preferably before the proposal defense. In addition, the CDP programme also requires at least 2 weeks of residency at the Institute during each semester all through the Ph.D programme, unless it is waived in a semester by the Dean, Academic Affairs for genuine reasons.
- Candidates should be released by their parent organization/institutions for a minimum of two years full time study and research at IIT Gandhinagar. Subsequently, assessment of the candidate will be made by the Doctoral Studies Committee (DSC). If the candidate is deemed to have made substantial progress in his/her research and that there is a reasonable chance that the remaining work can be done by him/her in the parent organization/institution to fulfill the requirements for submission of the Ph.D thesis, candidates may be permitted to rejoin their parent organizations / institutions.
- IITGN does not require these non-regular candidates to have an advisor at their home institute/university/research lab/company. In case there is a co-advisor or mentor from the parent organization, he/she can also be included in the DSC of that student.

All candidates admitted under this special scheme would be governed by all rules and regulations of IITGN, inclusive of conformity with the prescribed ethical norms. In some instances, the parent organization/institute may not be in a position to financially support the candidate(s) and the candidate(s) may be utilizing his/her/their earned / half-pay leave etc., IIT Gandhinagar may at its discretion give suitable waiver to related requirements.