

THE AICTE

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (FOREIGN UNIVERSITY) PROGRAMME

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ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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BACKGROUND

The following policy initiatives have been taken-up by the Government of India and other Institutional levels:

- (i) The UGC has declared that for appointment of faculty as Assistant Professor at Higher Education level will be based on PhD i.e. All Assistant Professors to have PhD by 2021.
- (ii) Government of India bringing all out efforts on `Make in India' as truly worthy to Indian context that will reduce brain drain from the country or can reverse the trend in bringing back the talent from abroad, introduce such technologies that are more conducive for India's progress.
- (iii) To make Indian faculty at par excellence with faculty in similar colleges / universities in developed countries like USA, UK, Canada, Germany, Netherland, Japan, China, New Zealand and Australia.
- (iv) Government of India laying emphasis on inducing culture of innovations and research among students and faculty.
- (v) In order to address the following which spells the need for faculty to have PhD qualification.

NEED:

To address the above policy initiatives and to deal with present gaps and missing links, the need to extend the existing QIP in the form of QIP (FU) becomes essential to help the country:

- To fill the large gap among the faculty having PhD, by pursuing the same programme from any of the foreign universities / institutions.
- To convert India's demographic advantage into demographic dividend.
- To reduce Local (within India) competition.
- To reduce stress on Indian economy for providing research infrastructure and allied resources to PG engineering students and faculty.
- To support Indian tradition `Vasudhaivakutumbakam'
- To strengthen India globally.

INTRODUCTION

The All India Council for Technical Education in its 55th Meeting of the Council held on 14th August 2018 approved the Quality Improvement Programme (Foreign University) (QIP-FU). The QIP(FU) is an extension of the QIP programme launched by the Government of India in the year 1970.

Under QIP (FU), the AICTE shall provide scholarships to the faculty who fulfils eligibility criteria and obtains admission in the Doctoral Degree programme leading to award of PhD degree in any of the enlisted top 500 universities/institutes (based on the QS ranking, the Times ranking and the Shanghai ranking) in the world.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. ELIGIBILITY:

- Full time regular / permanent faculty members of AICTE recognized Degree Level Colleges are eligible to apply.
- The candidate should possess: -
 - Three year teaching experience.
 - Master's degree in the appropriate branch.
 - Admission offer in PhD programme from the Foreign University of Listed ranking system in previous five years.
- Age must be below 40 years for general and 45 years in case of reserved category.

2. SUBJECTS FOR THE DOCTORAL DEGREE:

The subject/course for the Doctoral degree shall be on AICTE approved subjects.

3. DURATION OF PhD:

3 years, extendable by a further period of 6 months and another extension of 6 months in Special cases.

4. INTAKE OR SEATS AVAILABLE PER YEAR :

For QIP(FU), a total of 1000 seats in a financial year.

Note: Government of India guidelines on reservations policy shall be implemented.

5. LIST OF FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES / INSTITUTIONS:

The selection for admission shall be in any of the enlisted top 500 universities/institutes (based on QS and Times ranking) in the world. Institution – wise rankings as per **THE ranking, QS ranking and Shanghai ranking (the individual lists of ranking is at Folder: List of Universities 2018)**.

6. FUNDING:

(i) **BY AICTE:**

- (a) The scholarships from AICTE shall be extended to the faculty admitted in any of the 500 top ranking foreign universities/institutes during AY 18-19 for pursuing PhD.
- (b) The scholarship @Rs.25,000/- per month shall be provided to a maximum of 1000 numbers of eligible faculty members of AICTE approved institutions who obtains admission in the PhD degree, for the first year of the program only.

(ii) **FROM FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES / INSTITUTIONS AND / OR OTHER FUNDING AGENCIES / ORGANIZATIONS.**

- (a) The faculty may avail fellowships/scholarships/grants etc. provided by any of the foreign university/institutions and/or provided by other agencies/organizations abroad as per the rules of the Research University.
- (b) Candidate may be allowed to undertake some work within the Campus as per University rules. Outside work is not permitted.

(iii) **ON PART OF THE PARENT INSTITUTE IN INDIA:**

- (a) On completion of the admission process, concerned institute will relieve the candidate for doing PhD for 3 years extendable by 6 months and by another 6 months on special cases and based on the recommendation of the supervisor under whose supervision he / she is undertaking the research project;
- (b) Besides granting leave or deputation, the faculty shall be entitled for normal salary and allowances from the parent Institute for the entire period for pursuing PhD in foreign university/institution;
- (c) Before relieving the faculty for PhD programme, the Institute must obtain 'Undertaking' that binds him / her to serve the parent institute minimum period of **five years** after completion of PhD from foreign university.

7. ON PART OF FACULTY:

- (a) The faculty, shall obtain admission in PhD programme in any of the 500 foreign university / institution listed under QS ranking, THE ranking and / or Shanghai ranking by following the due admission procedure and other terms and conditions stipulated;
- (b) May liaise with the foreign university in obtaining visa and other necessary permissions / documents as required in that particular country / university or college;
- (c) In addition, the faculty shall make his/her own arrangements for airfare for travel to /from foreign university, boarding and lodging at / around foreign university/institution. No perquisites shall be provided by the AICTE;
- (d) The AICTE shall not be liable for any other expenditure faculty has incurred or undertaken any loan etc. while pursuing PhD in any of the foreign university/institution;

- (e) Before leaving the country for pursuing PhD in foreign universities / institution under the scheme, faculty shall execute an `Undertaking' to serve his/her parent institution for a minimum period of five years after completion of the programme.**
- (f) During the PhD programme, the faculty shall furnish progress report on quarterly basis in the format prescribed with remarks and recommendation of the Supervisor, to the respective Institute in India with endorsement to AICTE also.
- 8.** Besides, providing scholarships etc., AICTE will also provide support to the faculty undertaking PhD in foreign universities by entering MOUs with Universities; and dovetailing with various on-going schemes of Government of India
