

All India Council for Technical Education

The AICTE

The All India Council For Technical Education (AICTE) is a statutory body established by the Central Government through Act No. 52 of 1987 with a view to the proper planning and coordinated development of Technical Education (TE) system throughout the Country, promotion of qualitative improvement of Technical Education in relation to the planned quantitative growth and the regulation and proper maintenance of norms and standards in the Technical Education System and for matters connected therewith. Technical Education for the purpose of the Act includes the fields of Engineering, Technology, Architecture, Town Planning, Management, Pharmacy and Applied Arts & Crafts.

BUREAU OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT (CD BUREAU)

The Career Development activities of AICTE operated by CD Bureau are geared to ensure quality, relevance, excellence and equity in Technical Education through the technical teachers. The objectives envisaged are to support programmes aimed at promoting quality of teachers; to promote programmes that facilitate career and faculty development; to recognize and support meritorious teachers; to provide opportunities for upgradation of knowledge and skills of technical teachers and working professionals; to encourage research and development; and to formulate schemes for facilitating participation of women in Technical Education.

Following schemes are operated by the CD Bureau of AICTE:

1. Scheme of Travel Grant enables meritorious teachers to interact at International level in Conferences/Seminars/Symposium etc. Teachers from AICTE approved technical education institutions are eligible for this grant.
2. Scheme of Seminar Grant provides forum for interaction of academicians and working professionals and opportunity for sharing of innovations and inventions. AICTE approved technical education institutions are eligible for this grant. Professional bodies, Registered societies, National agencies are also eligible provided that the seminar is organized in collaboration with AICTE approved technical institutions/universities.
3. Scheme of Career Award for young teachers identifies young talented teachers for promoting their professional growth by enabling them to devote maximum time in research study with minimum teaching responsibility.
4. Emeritus Fellowship utilizes the services of highly qualified and experienced superannuated Professors at Technical Education Inst./Univ./Colleges in stimulating and achieving excellence in Technical Education.
5. Scheme of Faculty Development is intended to provide opportunities through AICTE approved Staff Colleges/Institutions for induction training to teachers employed in AICTE approved institutions in Engineering, Pharmacy, Management and Architecture disciplines to facilitate upgradation of knowledge and skill.
6. Scheme of Visiting Professorship is aimed at supplementing and providing expertise to the teaching/research in those areas in which the host institutions does not have the expertise. Eminent scholars holding the post of Professor shall be considered for appointment as Visiting Professor.

Detailed guidelines of the Scheme of Travel Grant are given in subsequent pages.

THE SCHEME OF VISITING PROFESSORSHIP

The main objective of the scheme is to supplement and provide expertise to the teaching/ research in those areas in which the host institution needs the expertise.

ELIGIBILITY

The Visiting Professorship is usually instituted in emerging field of Technical Education, where expertise is needed by the host institution.

01. A Visiting Professor should be an eminent scholar in his field and in the rank of a Professor or equivalent level as an expert in a research or professional organisation.
02. In case the host Institution desires to appoint any other person other than the rank of Professor or a person who has attained the age of 62 years or more under this scheme, the Institution should sent the necessary bio-data of the Candidate along with justification etc. to the AICTE and obtain prior concurrence of the AICTE.

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

03. A person who has been appointed and acted once as a Visiting Professor for a period not less than three months and or upto one year should not be reappointed by the same institution. A Professor should not be appointed as a Visiting Professor in the same Institution in which he/she holds a post immediately before or after superannuation.
04. It is expected that when a serving person is appointed as Visiting Professor, the parent University would give him/her academic leave without charge.
05. It is expected that the University would provide accommodation to the Visiting Professor in the University Guest House free of charge.
06. The same person may not be Visiting Professor more than once in a year in the same University/Institution.

TENURE

07. The maximum tenure of appointment of a Visiting Professor from within the country shall be one year and the minimum not less than three months.
08. The tenure of a person appointed as a Visiting Professor from outside the country should not be less than two weeks and not more than three months.

HONORARIUM AND OTHER ALLOWANCES

09. Visiting Professor appointed from within the country shall be paid travel expenses in accordance with the normal rules of the University limited to 'Y' Class by air. He would be entitled to a lumpsum monthly payment equivalent to 50% of the maximum basic pay of a Professor as recommended for technical teachers.

Person so appointed from outside the country is entitled for:

- a) Payment of daily allowance not exceeding Rs. 500.00 per day for visits upto one months For visits of more than one month and beyond the honorarium will be equivalent to 50% of the maximum basic pay of a Professor as recommended for technical teachers.
 - b) Travel expenses to the maximum of three places to visit Universities, Institution to deliver extramural/state of the Art Lecturer. No International Travel Fare will be payable.
10. In case a person is already serving in an Indian University/Institution appointed as a Visiting Professor, the payment to him will include the existing pay plus all allowances as admissible, plus 20 percent of

the basic pay as honorarium. The contribution towards his/her pensionary benefits/CPF as per rule will also be payable.

11. The monthly honorarium should invariably be paid to the Visiting Professor on first working day of every month by the host institution.

WHO CAN APPLY

12. Post Graduate Colleges and Institutions affiliated to a university can apply for the appointment of Visiting Professor to AICTE through the University with which the College/Institution is affiliated.
13. National or regional technical education institution like IIMs, IITs and RECs can apply directly to AICTE.

PROCEDURE OF AWARD

14. The host institution/university/department would submit proposals of candidates keeping in view the AICTE guidelines for visiting Professorship. Alongwith the proposals, the existing gap, in the department and how the appointment of proposed candidate fills this gap, should be indicated. 'Me proposal of the institutions should be accompanied with the details Bio-data of the person who is to be invited as Visiting Professor. 'Me written consent of the person concerned should also be enclosed alongwith the plan of work, he intends to do during the award period.
15. The University IIMs/IITs/RECs would appoint a three member Committee nominated by the Vice Chancellor/Director to consider/invite Visiting Professorship. The composition of the Committee be as follows.
 - a. Vice Chancellor/Director or his nominee.
 - b. Head of the Department in which the Visiting Professor is being proposed.
 - c. Senior most Professor other than the Head of Department from the same Department.
16. The Committee shall take its decision on the basis of the objectives, guidelines and eligibility conditions of the scheme and make recommendation to the AICIE. The Committee will also recommend the monthly honorarium to be paid to the Visiting Professor keeping in view the merit of the case, availability of the expert in the region and the discipline.
17. The Committee's recommendations shall be submitted to the AICTE along with the following:
 - A complete bio-date of the candidate including the name of the institution in which the candidate is working presently or has worked just before retirement.
 - A certificate from the university ensuring free accommodation in university guest house or any other suitable accommodation.
 - Complete plan of work with written consent of the person concerned.
 - Estimated budget of the proposal (keeping in view the recommended remuneration and duration of professorship).
18. The Council shall sanction the fund to the beneficiary Institution/University based on the estimated expenditure submitted.
19. The Council reserves the right to accept or reject the proposal.
20. After completion of the award the Institution will submit a report to the AICTE detailing the benefits accrued to it by the presence of the Visiting Professor.
21. If the person appointed as Visiting Professor resigns from the Visiting Professorship due to any reason, the balance amount remaining with the Institution/University shall be refunded to AICTE within two months of the submission of resignation letter.
22. The host institution will be liable for compliance of financial rules and regulations of AICTE applicable to the scheme time to time.

