

Pratiksha Trust Travel Fellowships

Pratiksha Trust (founded by Mr. Kris Gopalakrishnan and Mrs. Sudha Gopalakrishnan) has made a generous endowment to IISc towards supporting research in the general areas of Electrical, Electronics and Computer Sciences having broad relevance to brain research, data science, machine learning, or neuromorphic computing. Under this initiative, funds are available to support travel of students, postdoctoral fellows, and young faculty members for participation in top-tier international conferences and workshops. Each travel fellowship would be up to Rs. 1.0 lakh and can be used for expenses towards travel and registration fees. In an year there would be about fifteen such travel fellowships available for students and young faculty members of IISc. The details regarding these travel fellowships are given below.

Student Travel Fellowships for conferences

1. A student (or a postdoctoral researcher) who has an accepted paper in an international conference outside India is eligible to apply for the fellowship
2. The paper should be in the areas of Electrical, Electronics and Computer Sciences having broad relevance to brain research, data science, machine learning, or neuromorphic computing. The conference should be a top-level conference in the area. There is no requirement that the student should have completed her/his comprehensive examination.
3. Application can be sent through e-mail. The documents to be attached to the e-mail are: letter of acceptance from the conference, a copy of the paper, CV of the student, and a letter of support from the research supervisor. The letter from the research supervisor should explain the relevance of the paper to the subject areas as listed above and the ranking of the conference in the field.

Student Travel fellowships for International Workshops/Schools

1. The travel fellowship can also be used for participation of research students in workshops/schools (where the student may only be attending talks) conducted outside India.

2. The workshop/school should be such that participants are selected through some competitive process. The student should have obtained some support (e.g., for staying expenses) from the workshop/school. The subject matter of the workshop/school should be in the areas as listed earlier.
3. The documents to be attached to the e-mail application are: letter of acceptance from the workshop/school, CV of the student, and a letter of support from the research supervisor. The letter from the research supervisor should explain the relevance and importance of the workshop/school.

Travel fellowships for Young Faculty

1. Faculty members who have joined IISc less than three years earlier are eligible to apply for this fellowship.
2. Travel of young faculty members to international conferences, workshops or schools held outside India would be supported.
3. The documents to be attached to the e-mail application are: letter of invitation from the conference/workshop/school, CV of the faculty member, and a letter from the faculty member explaining the relevance of the conference/workshop/school. Preference would be given for faculty members giving a talk at the meeting.

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There would be no requirement for travel by AirIndia under this fellowship. The expenses would be reimbursed after the travel as per the usual processes. The director has appointed a Scientific Advisory Committee for this program and this committee would decide on all requests for support under this program.