

Professional Development Fund (Students)

Scope:

- ❖ **Upskilling Programmes:** Workshop/ Seminar/ Bootcamp/ Summer & Winter Schools/Hackathons/ Training Programmes/Industry led sessions etc.
- ❖ **M.E./M.Tech/M.Sc. (PG Contingency Grant)**

3.1 Scope

- ❖ **Upskilling Programmes:** Supports students attending structured, externally organised workshops, seminars, short-term certificate programmes, industry-led training sessions, summer and winter schools like:
 - ✚ Technical workshops by reputed organisations (NASSCOM, ISRO, IIT-NPTEL etc.)
 - ✚ Seminars by reputed organizations (Govt./Private/Industry)
 - ✚ Industry certification bootcamps — AWS, Google, Microsoft, Cisco (in-person only).
 - ✚ Government-sponsored upskilling programmes (PMKVY, Skill India etc)
 - ✚ Short-term certificate courses (2–10 days) at IITs, NITs, IIMs and other reputed organizations
 - ✚ Workshops alongside conferences — only if not already covered under RDF.
- ❖ **M.E./M.Tech/MSc. (PG Contingency Grant):** For purchase of contingent items for pursuing PG thesis work like glassware, materials, chemicals, testing costs and other consumable items etc.

Online / virtual-only programmes are not eligible under this fund.

3.2 Funding Limits

❖ Upskilling Programmes:

LEVEL	Maximum Support (As per actual but maximum limited to)	Covered Expenses (Registration Fee only)	Max per year
National/ International (In India)	₹8,000/-	Registration only	01
International (Outside India)	₹12,000/-	Registration only	01

**Commercial training institutes and MOOC platforms are not eligible.*

- ❖ **M.E./M.Tech/MSc (Contingency Grant):** Rs 8000/- per student/per year

3.3 Evaluation Rubrics

❖ Upskilling Programmes:

Criterion	Weight	Score 1	Score 2	Score 3	Score 4
Organiser Credibility	30%	Unknown	Regional	Reputed National	Premier private or Govt. Institutes
Relevance to Programme	25%	No relation	General skills	Adjacent	Core skill area
Learning Outcome Clarity	20%	Vague	Partially met	Clear Outcomes	Mapped to Career Goal
Mentor/Supervisor HOD Recommendation	25%	No	-	-	Recommended

Minimum qualifying score: 2.5 / 4.0 weighted average

❖ M.E./M.Tech/MSc (Contingency Grant)

Granted, if recommended by Supervisor & Head of Academic Unit

3.4 Administering Office

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