

# PhD admissions at Plaksha

The PhD program prepares scholars for advanced research through rigorous training and domain expertise. **Applications are invited for the Monsoon Semester 2026** across multiple interdisciplinary areas.

## Highlights of the program

- Distinguished faculty and globally trained mentors from Berkeley, UPenn, MIT, Cornell, Cambridge, IITs and IISc.
- The program offers more benefits than prestigious programs like PMRF, with comprehensive support to help focus on groundbreaking research rather than financial concerns.
- Structured partnerships with global research groups is a key feature of the program. PhD topics are developed in conjunction with international collaborators, ensuring greater impact and visibility.

## Financial support for PhD scholars

- A monthly stipend of ₹ **48,000** is provided to candidates holding a 4-year Bachelor's degree along with a 2-year Master's degree (such as MTech).
- Candidates with a 4 or 5-year degree (such as BTech or MSc) receive a monthly stipend of ₹ **42,000** in the first year, and ₹ **48,000** in subsequent years.
- Scholars may undertake up to six months of a **fully funded international fellowship**.
- A professional development allowance of ₹ **2 lakhs** is offered.
- Minimal academic fees apply, including a one-time admission fee of ₹ **10,000** and a ₹ **5,000** registration and tuition fee per semester (with a **95% tuition waiver** in lieu of teaching assistance).
- Special fellowship provided under **Harish and Bina Shah School of AI and Computer Science** starting at ₹ **80,000/month**.
- Additional paid teaching and research assistantship opportunities are available.

Know more about  
the **faculty**

**Applications open:**  
Mar 1, 2026

**Application deadline:**  
Apr 15, 2026

**Get in touch:**  
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## Admission process

- Preference will be given to those who have qualified in at least one of the exams: **CSIR NET-JRF, DBT-JRF, UGC NET-JRF, GATE, IIT-JAM, or GRE**. Shortlisted candidates will be exempted from the written test and will be considered eligible for the interview.
- For other shortlisted candidates, a written test based on NET/GATE syllabus of the concerned discipline will be conducted.

## Steps to apply

**Step 1** - Visit <https://plaksha.edu.in/phd> and navigate to 'Open PhD Positions'.

**Step 2** - Click 'Apply now' and fill the application form.

**Step 3** - Review the required documents before submitting the application.

# PhD Opportunities in CSAI@Plaksha Harish and Bina Shah School of AI & Computer Science

Embark on a world-class research journey with us



## Special Fellowship

- ₹80,000 monthly stipend with annual increments reaching ₹1,00,000 by year 5
- Additional ₹20,000 monthly (optional) stipend for extended TA work
- ₹1,00,000 annual professional development grant
- Fully funded 6-month international research visit
- Support for A\* conference presentations

## Research Excellence

- Work with top research faculty at Plaksha
- Collaborate with world-renowned faculty from Berkeley, UPenn, and other top institutions
- Join a vibrant research ecosystem in emerging AI and CS domains

## Visit before You Apply

You are encouraged and welcome to experience our academic environment firsthand. Selected candidates can plan a campus visit and meet faculty to get a better idea about our research.

Contact Abhijeet Singh for the visit and other queries. Send an email to [abhijeet.singh@plaksha.edu.in](mailto:abhijeet.singh@plaksha.edu.in) along with your CV.

## CSAI Faculty@Plaksha

- Ankur Nahar
- Anupam Sobti
- Deepak Khemani
- Deepan Muthirayan
- M Balakrishnan
- Mayank Bhardwaj
- Pankaj Pansari
- Rajesh Sharma
- Saeed Salehi
- Sandeep Manjanna
- Siddharth
- Tapas Pandit

## International Collaboration

Our program features structured partnerships with leading global research groups. PhD topics are developed in conjunction with international collaborators, ensuring research with global impact and visibility.

Applications are now open for the upcoming academic year. Join a select cohort of exceptional doctoral researchers. We are committed to nurturing the next generation of AI and Computer Science innovators through world-class mentorship, generous funding, and global research opportunities.

**Deadline:** April 15, 2026      **Interview Dates:** May 1-15, 2026

**Apply online:** <https://plaksha.edu.in/phd>