



## **AICTE-Distinguished Professionals Scheme (DPS)**

**(Scheme Document 2024-25)**

<b>1.1</b>	<b>Objectives</b>
	(a) The Distinguished Professional scheme (DPS) intends to utilize the expertise of highly qualified and eminent Professionals by creating a pool of experts from Industry, Institutes, Research Labs and Senior civil service officers in their domain for motivating and inspiring the students/faculty members of AICTE approved institutes.
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Eligibility</b>
	(a) The applicants must be an individual who have made unparalleled, exceptional Technical/Professional contribution to the society in their respective field / discipline.
	(b) The applicants should be an acknowledged leader (Professionals) in that particular field of specialization having actively engaged in research, technology development and innovation.
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Tenure</b>
	(a) The applicants nominated as Distinguished Professional Scheme shall be tenable for a period of three years or on attaining the age of 75 years whichever is earlier, extendable further subject to fitness.
<b>1.4</b>	<b>Honorarium</b>
	(a) (i) An honorarium of Rs. 15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen thousand per day) for full day interaction with the Faculty members/ Students of host institute and nearby located institutions will be paid by AICTE. (ii) The professionals shall perform 2 visits per month with a maximum of 12 visits per year. (iii) Travel and Local hospitality shall be facilitated by the host institution.
	(b) The Professionals are expected to visit at least three rural institutions per year out of their schedule visits.
<b>1.5</b>	<b>Operation of the Scheme</b>
	(a) Creating a pool of experts by AICTE from Industry, Institutes, Research Labs and Senior civil service officers (Through Advertisement/Nomination/Self Nomination).
	(b) The nominations /applications with all necessary details of the Professionals shall be made throughout the year through google form.
	(c) The Nominations /selections of the Professional shall be intimated immediately after the approval of the competent authority of the Council on monthly basis.
	(d) The offer of AICTE –Distinguished Professional Scheme shall be valid for the period as mentioned in the request/ invitation letter. The Professional is requested to give concurrence for the same.

<b>1.6</b>	<b>Responsibility of Host Institute</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Host Institute shall issue their expression of interest to the call by AICTE on specific topic of their interest.</li> <li>b) Host Institute and the Professional delegated by AICTE shall schedule the visit upon mutual understanding</li> <li>c) Host institute is expected to meet all the travel and logistics expenses, provide necessary administrative and local hospitality towards making the visit of Professional successful and meaningful.</li> <li>d) After visit, Institute shall submit the report and participant feedback in prescribed format. On submission, AICTE shall provide a "certificate of recognition" for the said activity.</li> <li>e) After the visit, the institute shall also submit the duly completed Honorarium form from the Distinguished Professionals to AICTE.</li> </ul>
<b>1.7</b>	<b>Expectation from Distinguished Professionals</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) "Knowledge Assimilation, Knowledge Dissemination and Knowledge Generation" ... through <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Interaction with faculty, UG /PG and Ph.D. students.</li> <li>(ii) Promotion of industry connect program.</li> <li>(iii) Promotion of Research and Innovation.</li> <li>(iv) Promotion of startups and entrepreneurship.</li> <li>(v) Support the Institution to enhance the employability of students.</li> <li>(vi) Promotion of Indian Knowledge System (IKS) and activities related to societal upliftment.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Interested Experts may kindly apply at this link: - <https://forms.gle/EeEnEemFccBkyDKNA>