

Sabbatical/Visiting Opportunities at IIIT-Delhi

IIIT-Delhi (www.iiitd.ac.in) is a young research-led institute promoted by Govt of NCT Delhi. It has already recruited some talented young faculty, and has built some strong research groups. The Institute plans to grow more and develop new research groups in emerging areas.

As the Institute aims to be globally connected, it is looking for faculty members across the world to spend their Sabbaticals, or long-leaves in IIIT-Delhi. A few possible models for engagement for this are given below. While the focus of visiting faculty will be research, a visiting faculty is expected to teach one course per semester. The Institute is open to exploring alternative models.

For these visits, the Institute will provide a round-trip air fare (econ) to the visiting faculty member and his/her spouse. A fully furnished apartment will also be provided (or rent allowance will be given, if the visiting faculty prefers). The salary/honorarium will be commensurate with the level (for Assoc Profs it can be around Rs 1Lac/month, and for Professors it can be about 1.25Lacs/month. In partnership with companies, this can be enhanced on a case-by-case basis, depending on the area). If interested, please contact the Director at jalote@iiitd.ac.in

Visit for a Semester

If the visiting faculty member naturally fits in a group, then the research group will be the host, and the visiting faculty can plan some projects/thesis etc with the group faculty. Planning for these projects can start from before the visit, and the project can continue after the visit – by extending the collaboration in this manner more substantial outputs are possible.

Visit for a Year

For such a visit, the R&D collaboration can be more intense. E.g. besides collaborations in projects, the visiting faculty can also co-guide some MTech and BTech thesis. It is possible to also consider one round trip ticket during the year to enable the visiting faculty to visit his/her parent Institute.

Visit for two years

Many universities allow leaves for up to two years. If someone is interested in spending two years in IIIT-Delhi, then much more is feasible. For this duration, the visiting faculty can help set up a research group in his/her area – the Institute will give a few faculty lines and a free hand to recruit young faculty to build this area. Furthermore, by planning well in advance (one year or more), the Institute can recruit up to two PhD students for the visiting faculty, who will work with the visiting faculty during his/her stay. During this period another faculty member will join as a co-guide, and the visiting faculty can continue as student's co-guide after returning. The visiting faculty can invite the students to their labs in their parent Institutions after return (funding for this can be sought from various agencies). If planned well, the students can be selected so they can do their course work and other preparations by the time the visiting faculty joins, ready to go full-steam in research when the visiting faculty arrives.