

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARE SELECTION COMMITTEE 2025-2026

The FARE Selection Committee (2025-26) discussed on November 27, 2025, to consider the requests for FARE Fellowship.

FARE Fellowship Eligibility Criteria:

- i. The student should be currently enrolled in the full-time PhD programme at IIT Kanpur. S/he should submit the thesis no later than 5 years and 6 months from the date of her/his first registration in the PhD program at IIT Kanpur. This period excludes the leave availed on medical grounds for a semester, if any.
- ii. A student interested in applying for FARE must submit an application within three months of PhD thesis submission.
- iii. S/he must have at least one accepted/published research work/paper (or equivalent work) in any reputed journals/proceedings, etc., of the level equivalent to Q1 or Q2 journals from her/his PhD research as first author at the time of application.
- iv. Journal or Conference publication mentioned in the FARE Application should have online references, such as DOI / Weblinks for consideration.
- v. Eligibility criteria for Patent Consideration:
 - Patent(s) must be part of applicant's PhD thesis work, and grant certificate should be submitted as part of FARE application.
 - The patent must have at least 25% contribution from the FARE applicant.
- vi. All the currently registered students of Y18 and onward batches are eligible to apply for FARE.
- vii. Those students of Y18 and Y19 batches fulfilling condition (i), who have already submitted their thesis but have not defended it as of the date of this office order are eligible to apply for FARE.
- viii. A one-time relaxation is being granted to Y18 and Y19 students, allowing them to be eligible for the FARE fellowship if they submit their thesis within 6 years and 6 months for Y18 students and 6 years for Y19 students from their initial registration date.
- ix. The thesis submission deadlines are as follows: Y18 – within 6 years 6 months with 12 months fellowship; Y19 – within 6 years with 12 months fellowship; Y20 (1st sem) – within 5 years 6 months with 12 months fellowship; Y20 (2nd sem onward) – within 5 years with 12 months fellowship or within 5 years 6 months with 6 months fellowship on a pro-rata basis; all deadlines correspond to the late academic registration dates of their respective semesters, excluding summer terms.

Considerations:

- The committee received multiple requests from the Y20 (Sem-1) PhD cohort seeking relaxation of thesis submission deadline for eligibility to apply under the FARE Programme. The cohort explained that unavoidable delays during their initial registration had disrupted their academic progression, resulting in a shift of coursework, research milestones, and thesis timelines compared to other batches.

Details:

- The students highlighted that their first formal registration in Pingala was completed on 29th August 2020, nearly a month later than the standard academic schedule. This delay, according to the cohort, shifted their academic calendar by the same margin, affecting coursework, research milestones, and ultimately thesis completion. They emphasized that several members are now extremely close to submitting their thesis but may become formally eligible for the fellowship only after the current 12 January 2026 deadline. The cohort therefore requested a brief extension of approximately one month in the thesis submission deadline for eligibility to apply under the FARE Programme, so that they may have a fair opportunity to meet the eligibility criteria and complete their PhD requirements without undue hardship.

Committee Decision:

- After careful review of the representations and due deliberation, the committee granted a one-time exception for the Y20 (Sem-1) PhD cohort with respect to the thesis submission deadline for eligibility to apply under the FARE Programme. In recognition of the delay in initial registration, which created a structural shift in the academic timeline of this cohort, the committee approved an extension of the application deadline to 31st January 2026. This extension is being provided strictly as a special case and shall not be treated as a precedent for future cohorts or similar requests. The committee further emphasized that the revised deadline is final and binding, and any delay, even by a single day, will not be entertained under any circumstances.



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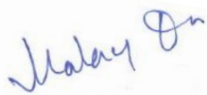
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