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Call for Chairs to be funded by the alumni of NITT

TERM CHAIRS FOR YOUNG FACULTY FUNDED BY INDIVIDUAL ALUMNI OR BATCH OF ALUMNI

National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli is keen to establish Chair Professorships funded by alumni. Chairs can encourage faculty with potential; can further research by experienced faculty; can initiate research in new areas and so on. There can be a variety of chair professorships, with different cost models – with components such as PhD stipends for students working with the Chair Professor, Honourarium (top up of salary for the Professor holding the Chair), certain recurring expenses, capital for major equipment and so on. The Chairs can fund faculty at different levels of the academic hierarchy. Depending on the funds raised, the funds may be either consumed during the life of the Chair or the interest accruals alone may fund the recurring expenses.

As a first step, NITT proposes to establish **TERM CHAIRS FOR YOUNG FACULTY FUNDED BY INDIVIDUAL ALUMNI OR BATCH OF ALUMNI**. Details listed here:

- 1. The proposed Term Chairs for young faculty can be funded by alumnus / alumna (<u>individual</u>); or by alumni of a <u>particular batch</u>.
- 2. The Chair shall have a <u>tenure of four years only</u>, from the date appointment is made.
- Faculty being considered for the Chair should be at the rank of <u>Assistant Professor in NITT</u>; and should have completed probation; and should commit, in writing, to serve NITT for minimum five years

from the date of appointment to the Chair, subject to prevailing rules and regulations.

- 4. The sponsoring alumnus / alumna / alumni batch <u>can recommend</u> <u>an area of professional activity or a department</u>; and the chair shall be filled by the Institute.
- 5. The Term Chair shall be named after the sponsor. (examples: Ramesh Term Chair for young faculty in Electrical Engineering; or, the 2002 batch alumni Term Chair for young faculty in Welding Engineering;)
- 6. The <u>sponsor should offer a sum of Rupees Fifty Lakhs</u>, to set up a Chair, of the above type.
- 7. The utilization of the fund shall be: (a) Support for one PhD student, for four years, at prevailing rates (may add to about rupees sixteen lakhs total for four years, and subject to upward revision); (b) Honourarium for the faculty appointed to the Chair, at the rate of about Rupees Twenty Thousand per month (adding to about Rupees Ten Lakhs); (c) an expense account of total Rupees Six Lakhs over the four years to cover minor equipment, consumables, travel, and other minor professional needs; (d) fifteen percent overhead for the Institute; and (e) balance funds and interest accruals shall be set aside for generic alumni related activities / initiatives. The fund shall be managed by the AIIC, in consultation with the Institute.
- 8. The sponsor/s shall be offered high visibility; and the faculty holding the Chair shall also be offered high visibility.

<u>Requesting generous support from the great alumni of NIT Trichy</u>. Thank you very much.

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