

IITI DRISHTI CPS Foundation
(a Section 8 Company of IITI under NMICPS)

CHANAKYA Chair Professorships (CCP) Scheme in Healthcare:

About the scheme: The CHANAKYA Chair Professorships (CCP) scheme aims to identify highly motivated doctors with a proven track record of technological development in the healthcare sector. It is expected that CHANAKYA Chair Professor will develop and lead new and effective products/technologies in area of CPS with a specific focus on healthcare. The product is defined by NMICPS as technology with a minimum technology readiness level of 7. Allied areas can also be considered based on their linkage with healthcare sector and potential for commercialization. Typically, IITI DRISHTI CPS Foundation is looking for those medical doctors who have passion for technology development with focus on commercialization. She/He should lead the development of at least one of the commercially important products in this field. Chair Professors will serve as a key resource for IITI DRISHTI CPS Foundation and are expected to contribute towards the development of the same.

The details with respect to the CHANAKYA Chair Professorships Scheme in Healthcare are as follows:

Term duration: initially 1 year

Eligibility: The CHANAKYA Chair Professor position is meant for Medical Professional currently working in Indian Institution and having at least three years of service before superannuation. The fellowship is required to be implemented at IITI DRISHTI CPS Foundation.

A doctor may serve as a CHANAKYA Chair Professor for no more than 2 consecutive terms. Subsequent to this, there needs to be a 'cooling off' period of 1 term (during which the doctor may retain the title without any financial benefits or CCP grant). The doctor would be eligible once again for an CCP (subject to availability of positions) after the cooling off duration.

Roles and responsibilities: A CHANAKYA Chair Professor would be expected to play an important role in the growth of IITI DRISHTI CPS Foundation. A few expectations of the position are as follows:

- 1) to contribute to at least one of the products (TRL level 7 and above) development in the healthcare sector of IITI DRISHTI CPS Foundation
- 2) to contribute towards technology development, skilling goals of IITI DRISHTI CPS Foundation
- 3) to mentor some of the start-ups incubated or supported by IITI DRISHTI CPS Foundation
- 4) to forge strong collaborations with the hospitals/healthcare providers/ Medical Institutes in the focus areas of CPS
- 5) to help the foundation in reviewing various applications/proposals
- 6) to help the foundation in designing various schemes/programmes to meet its targets and long-term self-sustainability goal.
- 7) to represent the foundation in various national/international forums/Governmental/ DST meetings etc.

Selection Procedure: The following broad procedure would be followed for selection of CHANAKYA Chair Professors

- 1) Prospective candidates can submit their application as per the prescribed format (annexure-1). Please submit your application form using the following link.

Link: <https://bit.ly/Drishti-fellowships>

- 2) The shortlisting of applicants would be through a 'peer review' process wherein the applications would be sent to senior faculty members/doctors of related fields for an initial review.
- 3) The shortlisted candidates, based on this review, would need to deliver a detailed seminar/presentation outlining the product development and its commercialization aspects and plans. Candidates will also be required to highlight their vision for IITI DRISHTI CPS Foundation and plans to meet the same.
- 4) A selection committee constituted for the purpose would assess the applicants based on the quality of their seminar/presentation and the strength of their profiles.

Benefits: The benefits entitled by a CHANAKYA Chair Professor are as follows:

(a) Research grant: A CHANAKYA Chair Professor would be provided a grant of INR 10 lakh per annum by IITI DRISHTI CPS Foundation that would be credited to his/her Research Development Fund through IIT Indore. The grant may be utilized for the following:

1) to recruit research staff

2) for domestic/international travel

3) for supporting the travel expenses of collaborators

4) to procure equipment and supplies

5) to support entrepreneurial or technology development and commercial activities related to the project.

(b) Honorarium: A CHANAKYA Chair Professor would receive an honorarium of INR 15,000 per month during the tenure of his/her Chair Professorship.

(c) Additional support for filing patents and support skilling efforts of Chair Professor will be considered.

Note: All successful applicants for CHANAKYA Chair Professorship in Healthcare (CCP) must be an affiliate member of IITI DRISHTI CPS Foundation, as affiliate members are the core CPS community associated with IITI DRISHTI CPS Foundation.