

Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship India 2026 Official Rules

1. Eligibility Criteria. The Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship (the "Program") is open to under-graduate and post-graduate students at (i) Indian Institute of Technology, BHU, (ii) Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, (iii) Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, (iv) Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, (v) Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, (vi) Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad, (vii) Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, (viii) Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, (ix) Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, (x) Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, (xi) International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad, (xii) Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, (xiii) Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi, (xiv) Indian Institute of Technology, Indore, (xv) Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar and (xvi) Indian Institute of Technology, Jodhpur.

Fellowships will be awarded to at least twelve or more teams, each team of up to two students who submit the most innovative proposals. At least one student member in each team must be enrolled as a Masters (M.S. / M.Tech.), Dual Degree (B.Tech. + M.Tech./M.S.) or Ph.D. student in the Electrical Engineering or Computer Science department (or related department) for the entire 2026-27 academic year. In case of dual degree, the student should have completed his or her bachelor's degree requirements by the end of the 2025-2026 academic year. A second student team member is optional and can even be a final year undergraduate but must be enrolled in the institute for the entire 2026-2027 academic year. Each student on a team is an "Entrant" and must be enrolled as a full-time student in one of the participating institutes for the entire 2026-2027 academic year. Also, each team must have one or two faculty advisors supporting the proposal. All the team members including the team's faculty advisor(s) should be from the same institute. Among the faculty advisor(s), the "primary faculty advisor" (mandatory) must be a full-time faculty at the institute. The "secondary faculty advisor" (optional) can be full-time or visiting faculty at the same institute.

To apply for a Fellowship, each team must submit the registration materials described on the Program website at: <https://www.qualcomm.com/research/university-relations/innovation-fellowship/2026-india> (the "Website") by April 20, 2026 (registration will close at 10:00 am India time). Entrants must fully complete the registration materials specified on the Website (collectively, the "Application") and submit the Application through the online submission portal as mentioned on the program website. No other method of registration will be accepted. Student names cannot be changed after submitting the Application. Post-doctoral fellows and project staff are not eligible for submitting the Application. Incomplete applications will not be considered for the Fellowship.

Each Entrant warrants that his/her team's Application and Presentation (defined in Sec. 3 below) will be their own original works and shall not violate or infringe the rights, including, without limitation, copyrights, trademark rights or rights of publicity/privacy, of any third party, and that any pre-published material used in the Application and/or Presentation is properly cited. Entrants shall hold the Sponsor, its affiliates and their directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns harmless from any claims arising from or in connection with the Applications and Presentations and hereby waive all rights to pursue any claims/actions in connection with Sponsor's (or its authorized entities') permitted use of these.

Preparation of the Application and Presentation may produce ideas that are the intellectual property ("IP") of the Entrants and/or universities. Participation in the Program may require disclosure of these ideas to persons who are not under a duty to maintain confidentiality (including Sponsor and the judges). Sponsor reserves the right, but is not obligated, to publish information about the winning Applications on its Website or in any other media. If any Entrants are concerned about confidentiality or the protection of IP, they are urged to consider these issues with qualified advisors to make an informed decision before submitting an Application.

Application and Presentation materials will not be returned. Proof of submission of an Application is not considered proof of delivery or receipt of such Application by Sponsor. Sponsor is not responsible for technical, hardware or software malfunctions, lost or unavailable network connections or failed, incorrect, inaccurate, illegible, incomplete, garbled, lost, misdirected, intercepted, late, or delayed Applications, or Applications or other communications not otherwise received by Sponsor, or other technical problems related to Applications or the Website. Sponsor, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to disqualify any Entrant who tampers with the entry process, or who otherwise violates these Official Rules.

2. Sponsor. The Program is sponsored by Qualcomm Technologies, Inc. headquartered at 5775 Morehouse Drive, San Diego, CA 92121 USA ("Sponsor").

3. Fellowship Finalists. A subset of teams will be selected as Program finalists ("Finalists") and notified by the date specified in the timeline on the Website. The decision of the Sponsor in selecting the Finalists will be final. In July 2026, all Finalist teams will be invited to an online group event during which each team will make a presentation of the research described in their Application to a judging panel ("Presentation"). Teams may be asked by the judging panel to provide further clarification on points raised during their Presentations. The date will be posted on the Website. Other Entrants may be present during these Presentations. Finalists may be required to sign and return a publicity release, in the form provided by Sponsor.

4. Fellowship Winners. All Applications and Presentations will be evaluated by a panel of experts consisting of Sponsor nominees/researchers whose decisions are final on all matters relating to the Fellowships. Winners will be announced on the Website following the Finalists' Presentations, and notified by email sent to the email addresses specified on each Winning Team's Application.

5. Fellowship Awards. Funds will be awarded to the institute of each Winning Team, not to the winning Entrants directly. The institute of each Winning Team will receive INR 10,00,000 ("Fellowship Award") to fund the respective team members and faculty advisor for conference travel and research expenses within the 2026-2027 academic year. Sponsor will also provide mentors to the Fellowship winners. Winners may also have the opportunity to participate in collaborative activities and/or internships with Sponsor. Please note there may be tax incurred when the Fellowship Award is disbursed to the Winning Team for which the Winning Team will be solely responsible. Fellowship funding and communication will be routed through primary faculty advisor only.

6. Funding Renewal. At the conclusion of the academic year, each Winning Team will be invited to present the project results and follow-on research proposal to a team of judges at Qualcomm Technologies, Inc. Following these Presentations (in-person or through other arrangements), at least one or more of the Winning Teams that made a presentation may be selected at the sole discretion of the Sponsor to receive a funding renewal of INR 10,00,000 to continue the research project during the following academic year. Entrants that receive a funding renewal for their project are not eligible to apply for a new Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship award in the 2027-2028 Program.

7. Intellectual Property. Any IP generated by the Entrants as part of the preparation of their Applications and Presentations as part of the 2026 Program will be retained by the students and/or university according to the university policies applicable to each Winning Team. Sponsor, its affiliates and authorized entities' will, however, have the right to use/publish the Applications and presentations for the purposes of conducting the Program.

Each Entrant acknowledges that Sponsor has a large research and development program with many projects currently in active development or on roadmaps. Each Entrant further acknowledges and agrees that Sponsor may already be conducting, or may in the future conduct, research that is similar to the research described in an Application or Presentation, and that Sponsor's right or ability to sell, license, use, exploit, develop or otherwise deal anywhere in any product, technology or service of any kind including those which may be similar to any product, technology or service described in an Application or Presentation shall not be limited or restricted in any way related to or resulting from the Program.

Sponsor shall be free to use Residuals for any purpose (e.g., use in the development, manufacture, promotion, sale and maintenance of its products and services). As used herein, the term "Residuals" means any information retained in the unaided memory of employees of Sponsor who have access to the ideas, concepts knowhow and techniques including information disclosed to Sponsor by an Entrant(s) within the purview of the Program. A person's memory is unaided if the person has not intentionally memorized the information for the purpose of retaining and subsequently using or disclosing it.

8. General Conditions. Sponsor has the right to modify or cancel this Fellowship competition if it cannot be completed as originally contemplated due to a lack of funding or conditions beyond Sponsor's reasonable control. Sponsor reserves the right to not select any teams or select a lesser number of teams at its sole discretion and judgment, including for reasons of any withdrawals or disqualifications. Sponsor is not responsible for any policies, rules, or actions of the universities that may prevent any student from entering, participating in and/or being selected at any stage of this Program.

By applying to the Program, each Entrants agrees: (i) to be bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of the judges, (ii) to be contacted by Sponsor by telephone, mail or email regarding this Fellowship/Program, (iii) that personal data submitted, including name, mailing address, phone number, email address or any other data provided by the Entrant that can be used to identify or locate a person ("Personal Information"), may be collected, processed, stored and otherwise used by Sponsor for the purposes of conducting and/or administering the Program and (iv) that the Personal Information may be transmitted, processed, disclosed and/or stored by Sponsor and its affiliates and subcontractors. All personal information that is collected from the Entrant is subject to Qualcomm's privacy policy at <https://www.qualcomm.com/site/privacy>.

Sponsor will provide transportation and accommodation for winning teams to attend events related to the Program, if any, at a Sponsor facility(ies) in accordance with its travel policy and evolving Covid-19 travel guidelines.

The Sponsor reserves the right to require additional documentation to be executed or provided by the Entrants at any stage of the process.

Sponsor, including its parent corporation and other affiliates (collectively, "Sponsor Entities") disclaim any and all liability that may arise from or in connection with this Program or the participation of any Entrants in the Program, howsoever arising. In the event that the disclaimer is held invalid for any reason, the maximum liability of Sponsor Entities in relation to the Program for any damages, loss or any other liability is limited to Indian Rupees One Hundred Only. Entrants agree that this is an essential condition of the Official Rules.

The Fellowship and Program and all matters relating thereto are governed by the laws of India. All matters or disputes arising or related to these terms shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of courts in India.

The Entrants will be solely responsible for any and all applicable taxes, including but not limited to sales and use taxes, value added tax, excise tax, consumption tax, customs duties or similar charges or fees with regard to the Program. The Entrants and/or Institute are responsible for their own income taxes related to the Fellowship Award.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Sponsor is required by applicable law to withhold income taxes from the Program benefits (e.g., Fellowship Award) received by the Entrants or Institute, then the income withholding tax amount due is the responsibility of the Institute. The Sponsor will agree to gross-up the amount to be paid to the Institute for this income withholding if Institute shall provide to the Sponsor all documentation (including, without limitation, the necessary withholding application, form, or residency certificate) required for the application of any applicable double taxation agreement. Such documentation shall be delivered promptly after the Sponsor's request and it shall be true, correct and complete as of the date of the delivery. If valid documentation is not provided, the Institute shall remain responsible for the withholding tax amount and the federal statutory withholding rate will be applied instead of the withholding rate provided by the applicable double taxation agreement.

All Entrants should confirm their acceptance of these Official Rules in the prescribed format. If Entrants do not accept any of the terms of the Official Rules contained herein they should not submit an Application.

By signing below, I (we) accept and agree to abide by the rules for participation in the 2026 Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship India.

Name (Entrant 1)

Signature (Entrant 1)

Name (Entrant 2, if applicable)

Signature (Entrant 2, if applicable)

Name (Primary Faculty Advisor)

Signature (Primary Faculty Advisor)