

Chair Professorship in Cochin University of Science and Technology

Chair Professorships are offered to professors who have distinguished themselves in research and academics, or who are noted for their contributions to the industry and nation building. It is intended to support outstanding, high performing teachers and scholars who are leaders in their fields and provide them with the resources they need to achieve their goals as researchers and educators.

Chairs can be established in any department / research domain of CUSAT with funding support from the sponsor. The sponsor can be a company or an individual committed to supporting excellence in teaching and research. These chairs will be named as “XXX Chair Professor” where XXX is the name proposed by the sponsor.

Categories of Chair Professors

1. Distinguished Chair:

It is intended to host world’s leading researchers in specific fields of mutual interest to the institute and the sponsor. They will be supported with travel, accommodation and honorarium at competitive rates. They will be provided with necessary research facilities in the identified department / centre in CUSAT. They will lead the research efforts of CUSAT in the area identified. They will be named as “XXX Distinguished Chair Professor”. The chair may be sponsored with an endowment of Rs. 2 Crores for a period of 3 years or with a corpus fund of Rs.10 Crores for perpetual establishment.

2. Visiting Chair:

It is meant for hosting top rated professors (outside CUSAT) in academia and research in the identified domain. They will work in CUSAT, undertaking research, teaching and training in the chosen area. The recipients of the Visiting Chair positions participate in various academic and research activities and interact with faculty and students in CUSAT. Appropriate salary and research grants will be offered during the tenure. They will be named as “XXX Visiting Chair Professor”. The chair may be sponsored with an endowment of Rs.2 Crores for a period of 5 years or with a corpus fund of Rs.5 Crores for perpetual establishment.

3. Institute Chair:

It is intended for Professors / Associate professors of CUSAT who have proven credentials in the identified field. They will be provided with research grant and additional incentives to take up research and publications in the selected domain. They will be named as “XXX Chair Professor”. The chair may be sponsored with an endowment of Rs.50 lakhs for a period of 10 years or with a corpus fund of Rs.1 Crores for perpetual establishment.

Benefits to the sponsor

- a) Sponsors can name the chair as per their wish.
- b) The sponsors can choose the area of the chair to align it with their interest.
- c) The Chair Professor will use this title (XXX Chair) in his/her official communications, presentations, publications and training workshops.
- d) **The sponsor gains direct access to research output of the chair professor**
- e) **The patents resulting from the work of the chair professor will be co-owned by the sponsor.**
- f) The list of chairs will be published in University website and annual reports.
- g) Periodic interactions with the chair professor with the sponsor can be possible based on mutual conveniences.
- h) The donations will be eligible for tax exemption and will qualify under CSR spending.

Selection Process

- MOU will be signed between CUSAT and the sponsor for establishing appropriate chair in a discipline, area or an expertise.
- The Vice Chancellor may appoint a Search Committee or a Screening Committee with domain experts as members and a representative of the sponsor as observer.
- The committee will call for applications clearly specifying the requirements and criteria.
- The “appointment” against the Chair is nominally made for a period of three years. Further, an individual may be eligible to be considered for re-appointment, together with other eligible candidates. For institute chair, the appointment will expire on his/her retirement or resignation from CUSAT.

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Distinguished Chair:

It is meant for hosting top rated researchers and academicians (outside CUSAT) in specific fields of mutual interest to the institute and the sponsor. They can be world's leading researchers or top rated professors in India. They will work in CUSAT, undertaking research and teaching in the chosen area. They will be provided with necessary research facilities in the identified department / centre in CUSAT. They are to be offered salary and research allowances at most competitive rates. The sponsor can gain direct access to the research output of the chair professor. They will be named as "XXX Distinguished Chair Professor". The chair may be sponsored with an endowment starting from Rs. 3 Crores for a period of 10 years or with a corpus fund of Rs.5 Crores for perpetual establishment.

Institute Chair:

It is intended for Professors / Associate professors of CUSAT who have proven credentials in the identified field. They will be provided with research grant / incentives to take up research and publications in the selected domain. They will be named as "XXX Chair Professor". The chair may be sponsored with an endowment of Rs.1 Crore for a period of 10 years or with a corpus fund of Rs.1.5 Crores for perpetual establishment.

Research Facility cum chair professor endowment fund

Companies are invited to sponsor Research Laboratories in their field of interest in CUSAT. The sponsored Research Lab will be named after the sponsor as "XXX Lab". A professor will be put in charge of the lab and will be designated as "XXX Chair Professor". The lab facilities will be available for use by the faculty and scholars of CUSAT as well as for joint research work with the R & D team of the sponsor. The Research Facility cum chair professorship can be set up with an endowment of Rs. 10 Crore.