



Call for Applications: International Visiting Professor Fellowship Programme

Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani, India

October- November 2026 Cohort

About Uttarakhand Open University (UOU)

Uttarakhand Open University (UOU), established by an Act of the Government of Uttarakhand in 2005, is the only State Open University in the state of Uttarakhand. Located in Haldwani at the foothills of the Himalayas, UOU serves as a hub for open and distance learning in North India, offering flexible and inclusive higher education to learners across diverse geographies and backgrounds.

The university is accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and recognized by the University Grants Commission – Distance Education Bureau (UGC-DEB). UOU offers a wide range of academic programs including undergraduate, postgraduate, diploma, certificate, and research-level degrees across disciplines such as Computer Science, Management, Education, Social Sciences, Humanities, Health Sciences, and Vocational Education.

UOU is actively engaged in promoting innovation in digital education, including MOOCs through the national SWAYAM platform, skill-based programs under NCVET, and collaborations with national and international institutions. Its commitment to lifelong learning, digital inclusion, and academic excellence makes it an ideal destination for scholarly exchange and collaboration.

Programme Overview

Uttarakhand Open University (UOU), India is pleased to announce the **International Visiting Professor Fellowship Programme**, aimed at enhancing capacity building, fostering sustainable academic partnerships, encouraging knowledge exchange, and promoting mutual understanding among academic and research professionals engaged in the field of **Open and Distance Learning (ODL)**.

Programme Objectives

- Strengthen professional capacity in ODL
- Establish long-term collaborations with international institutions
- Promote cultural and academic exchange

- Facilitate joint research and innovation in the open learning ecosystem

Fellowship Details

- **Number of Fellowships:** 2 per year
- **Current Cohort:** 1 Fellowship position (Oct.– Nov. 2026)
- **Duration:** 2 weeks
- **Host Location:** Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani, India

Eligibility Criteria

- PhD degree holders
- Advanced English communication skills
- Affiliated with a recognized academic or research institution
- Actively involved in open and distance education

Support Provided by UOU

1. **Formal Invitation Letter** for visa facilitation
2. **Full Accommodation** at UOU Guest House
3. **Daily Stipend** of ₹3,000 for food and local transportation, etc.
4. **Dedicated Workspace** with internet access

Fellow Responsibilities

- Arrange and fund international travel (round-trip air ticket)
- Secure personal travel and health insurance
- Actively participate in academic and collaborative activities
- Submit a post-fellowship report summarizing outcomes

Application Requirements (in English)

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Research Proposal relevant to ODL (see themes below)
3. Letter of Recommendation from the head of home institution (President, Rector, VC, etc.)
4. Passport-size photograph
5. Scanned copy of valid passport

Suggested Fellowship Themes

- The application of AI in education
- Specialty construction and curriculum development in open and distance education
- Promoting lifelong learning in higher education
- Quality assurance and evaluation of open and distance learning (ODL)
- Teachers' professional development related to ODL
- Personalized service design for online learning in open and distance learning
- Learning Analytics and Big Data in open and distance learning
- Microlearning and Modular Education

- Application of AI/ML/Blockchain/Virtual Reality & Augmented Reality in Education
- Digital Equity and Inclusion
- Gamification in Distance Learning
- Sustainable Practices in ODL
- Effectiveness of MOOCs in skill development and employability
- Recognition of prior learning in Open and Distance Education
- Integration of Skill and Vocational Education in Open and Distance Education
- Any other topic related to ODL

Expected Activities

- Conduct a **seminar and workshop** at UOU on the proposed topic
- Collaborate on a **joint research study** with UOU faculty
- Engage in academic interaction and institutional networking

Application Process

- Submit all required documents by **30 Sep., 2026** to:
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