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# Announcement: Chair Professorship

**Birla Institute of Technology & Science (BITS) Pilani**, recently recognised as *"Institute of Eminence"* by MHRD, Govt. of India is India's highest ranked non-Government Institute as declared in various reputed world rankings such as QS BRICS, QS Asia, and QS India in 2019. It has secured a place in the World top 500 QS Subject Rankings 2019 in Mechanical & Manufacturing, Electrical & Electronics and Computer Science and THE 2019 World top 500 Subject Ranking in Life Sciences where BITS Pilani is among the top 8 from India. The Institute received nearly ₹100 Crore funding through sponsored projects in the last 3 financial years. With state of the art facilities developed to support cutting edge research, and led by around 750 faculty members, it produced 2040 Scopus publications with about 24,500 citations in the last two years and 60 patents being filed till date.

BITS Pilani invites applications/nominations for the following Chair Professorships:

- 1. Shri B. K. Birla and Shrimati Sarala Birla (BKBSB) Chair Professor** (5 positions)
- 2. Shri S. K. Birla (SKB) Chair Professor** (1 position)  
Out of the 5 BKBSB positions, 4 are open to all disciplines of Science, Engineering and Humanities & Social Sciences (HSS) as well as for interdisciplinary areas and 1 position is in the area of HSS to be awarded to an academic from outside BITS Pilani.

The incumbent of SKB chair will be located at Pilani campus only

The guidelines for the appointment of a faculty member against a Chair at BITS Pilani are given below:

The applicant should be a **Full Professor** with an established record of teaching, an exceptional record of published research in high quality journals, including guidance of Ph.D. students and demonstrated ability to attract significant research funding as well as having an ability to lead teams in multidisciplinary projects. The incumbent is also expected to serve as mentor to junior faculty members and to the students.

The faculty member "appointed against the Chair" will be called "XXX Chair Professor" and will receive at the beginning of each year a research grant of an amount up to ₹6 Lakhs. It also includes a monthly honorarium of up to ₹30,000. Apart from the honorarium, the Chair Professor will draw the normal emoluments of a Professor as per 7<sup>th</sup> pay commission.

This grant may be used for any academic purpose including hiring of research students / staff, undertake domestic or international travel, incur expenses towards specialized training in India / abroad, procure equipment, supplies and books, source support services, invite his/her collaborators for short visits to BITS Pilani, etc.

The "appointment" against the Chair will be normally made for a period of up to five years, but such that it does not extend beyond the term of employment as Professor.

However, continuation into the fourth and fifth year will be subject to a review at the end of the third year. Further, an individual may be eligible to be considered for re-appointment, together with other eligible candidates, for a period of up to 5 years (without a break) any number of times. An applicant, not found suitable for the Chair Professorship may be considered for the position of Professor.

The application or nomination must include a cover letter describing his/her interest along with the applicants' CV in the standard or prescribed format available at [www.bits-pilani.ac.in/chairprofessorship](http://www.bits-pilani.ac.in/chairprofessorship)

Applications should be sent electronically to the Dean, Faculty Affairs at [deanfaculty@hyderabad.bits-pilani.ac.in](mailto:deanfaculty@hyderabad.bits-pilani.ac.in) with subject "Chair Professor".

For the full consideration by the selection committee, application should be received no later than

**May 25, 2019 (5 PM)**

