



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR RELIANCE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS: NURTURING 100 OF INDIA'S BRIGHTEST STUDENTS TO CREATE TECH FOR SOCIAL GOOD**

- **First-year undergraduate and postgraduate students from institutes across India pursuing degree programmes in Artificial Intelligence, Computer Sciences, Mathematics and Computing, and Electrical and/or Electronics Engineering are eligible to apply**
- **Scholarship includes a grant award and a strong development programme for students to develop technology for social good**
- **Up to 60 undergraduate students will receive a grant of up to Rs. 4 Lakh each, while up to 40 postgraduate students will be awarded up to Rs. 6 Lakh each**
- **In 2021, 76 first year UG and PG students were awarded the first Reliance Foundation Scholarships in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Computer Sciences**

**Mumbai, December 20, 2021:** Reliance Foundation Scholarships, a pioneering initiative to nurture India's potential technology leaders of tomorrow, is now open for applications. Reliance Foundation will identify and support 100 of India's brightest undergraduate and postgraduate students with a generous grant award and a strong development programme that will nurture their skills to innovate for social good. The Reliance Foundation Scholars will be poised to lead and be at the forefront of India's technological growth.

First-year undergraduate and postgraduate students from institutes across India pursuing degree programmes in Artificial Intelligence, Computer Sciences, Mathematics and Computing, and Electrical and/or Electronics Engineering are eligible to apply. Reliance Foundation will also nurture and support these bright scholars with an exceptional holistic development programme, including expert interactions, industry exposure and volunteering opportunities creating a cohort of excellence, every year. There is no entry fee to apply.

Through the Reliance Foundation Scholarships, up to 60 undergraduate students will receive a grant of up to Rs. 4 Lakh each, while up to 40 postgraduate students will be awarded up to Rs. 6 Lakh each for the duration of their degree. This makes it one of the largest scholarship programmes in award value, by a corporate foundation aimed at supporting students towards technology for social good. Students will, in addition, gain valuable opportunities to interact with leading global experts, apply for mentoring, internships, volunteering, a strong alumni network and more.

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In 2021, 76 first year undergraduate and postgraduate students were awarded the first Reliance Foundation Scholarships in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Computer Sciences. The Reliance Foundation Scholars are enrolled full-time in selected eligible degrees across 21 of the country's top science and engineering institutes, representing 14 states across India. This first cohort of scholars has already participated in several professionally enhancing sessions with industry experts.

Reliance Foundation Scholarships will identify and select the brightest students in India through a rigorous and competitive selection process, which includes an online application and interviews with a panel of leading Indian and international experts. The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of merit and applicants from across all socio-economic backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

The scholarships are part of Reliance Foundation's ongoing focus to develop and improve access to world class education from early childhood to higher studies. The Reliance Foundation Schools provide quality education to 14,000 students a year, while the Dhirubhai Ambani Scholarships have provided over 12,500 scholarships since 1996, on a merit-cum-means basis for students to pursue higher education. The Jio Institute is poised to be a world-class multi-disciplinary higher education and research institution. Education is at the core of Reliance Foundation's work, with the belief that developing and empowering young leaders of tomorrow with skills, knowledge and opportunities will build a stronger India.

More about Reliance Foundation Scholarships here:

<https://www.scholarships.reliancefoundation.org/>

**About Reliance Foundation:**

*Reliance Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Reliance Industries Limited, aims to play a catalytic role in addressing the nation's development challenges through innovative and sustainable solutions. Led by Founder and Chairperson Smt. Nita Ambani, Reliance Foundation (RF) is relentlessly working towards facilitating transformative changes to ensure overall well-being and higher quality of life for all. Among India's largest social initiatives, RF is focused on addressing the nation's development challenges in Rural Transformation, Education, Health, Sports for Development, Disaster Response, Urban Renewal and Arts, Culture and Heritage. RF has touched the lives of over 55 million people across India, in more than 45,200 villages and several urban locations. Learn more: [www.reliancefoundation.org](http://www.reliancefoundation.org)*

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