



**BITS PILANI**  
PILANI CAMPUS

## Department of Humanities and Social Sciences Visiting Faculty Positions

### About BITS Pilani

We are Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani (BITS Pilani), one of India's leading higher education institutes and a deemed university under Sec. 3 of the UGC act. Our campus at Pilani (Rajasthan) was set up in technical collaboration with MIT (USA), under the Ford Foundation Grant and later was deemed to be a university in 1964. Covered with wooded paths and spread over 328 acres, the campus is self-contained and houses all the amenities and buildings that befit an institute of international standards. The programmes are fully residential with 11 hostels for boys and one hostel complex for girls. Around 4500 students live on campus along with 350 faculty members, their family and a vast pool of support staff. The campus also boasts a magnificent library complex with a floor area of 65,000 sq. ft and a rich collection of about 2,30,000 volumes of books and manuscripts. An intellectual powerhouse, the campus has successfully attracted healthy amounts of research funding from government grants and private bodies. The research facilities are wide-ranging, with a number of laboratories, focused on all aspects of science and technology. The campus boasts a state-of-the-art network that provides connectivity to the entire institute.

### About the Department of Humanities & Social Sciences

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences is involved in research and teaching. It offers higher degree programs leading to the award of Doctoral and Master's degrees. The Master's program in General Studies, M.Sc. (Tech), is oriented along the streams of Media and Communication as well as Development Studies. The study of humanities was thus part of the founding vision of the Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani. This enabling vision, represented by the lotus at the heart of the emblem of BITS Pilani, continues to guide the Institute in its plan document Vision 2020: Mission 2015 that envisages an ever greater emphasis for the humanities in the curriculum, making it mandatory for all degree programmes.

With twenty-two faculty members working in and across the disciplines of Communication Studies, Development Studies, Digital Media, Film Studies, Geography, History, Language, Literature, Philosophy, Politics, Psychology and Public Administration, the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences offers over thirty elective courses -on an average, per semester- for students across disciplines and degree programmes. The laboratories for languages, music and Creative Media along with a rich collection of materials in the BITS Pilani Library are vital elements in the pedagogy of the courses taught here. Many of these are interdisciplinary, and all courses combine rigour with variety in both teaching and learning, which is a legacy bequeathed by a tradition of over five decades. The study of humanities and languages in Pilani may be traced back to 1943, when the Birla Intermediate College became a Degree College. With the founding of the Birla Institute of Technology and Science as a degree awarding university in 1964,

undergraduate and post-graduate programmes in the humanities were initiated. Since then, BITS Pilani has witnessed continuous Moulding in the study of the humanities. The degree programmes of B.A (General) and M.A in Economics, English, Hindi, History, and Political Science were initiated in 1964 and continued until 1973-4, facilitating a reordering of the internal organizational structure with the formation of cluster groups in Economics, Humanistic Studies, and Languages. The Humanistic Studies group and the Languages group were transformed into independent departments, and remained so until 2012, when the two coalesced into the Department of Humanities and Languages. However, many research projects and taught courses offered by the Department contain elements from the Social Sciences. In recognition of this interdisciplinary character as well as to bring uniformity in nomenclature across the four campuses of the University, the Department was renamed as Department of Humanities and Social Sciences in October 2013.

### Call for Applications for Visiting Faculty Positions

The Department is inviting applications for the faculty position in the following area:

#### • Philosophy

### Eligibility, Salary Structure and Benefits for the Faculty

Applicant with a Ph.D. in Philosophy are encouraged to apply. We also welcome applications from those who are close to completing the Ph.D. (Submitted the Ph.D. and awaiting the viva.). The candidates applying for this position must possess good academic and research credentials. The Institute pay structure is in accordance with the 7th CPC, in addition to the generous inflation-adjusted salaries, the institute provides other benefits, including a new faculty grant, modern housing, medical reimbursement for dependents, fee reimbursement for the education of spouse and children, 60 days of paid summer leave and sabbatical leave.

### Immediate Openings: Visiting Faculty Position – On Campus

Applications are invited for visiting faculty positions from qualified personnel affiliated with universities and research institutions in India and abroad. Those who are interested in joining the department immediately should send their CV with the cover letter to [hod.humanities@pilani.bits-pilani.ac.in](mailto:hod.humanities@pilani.bits-pilani.ac.in). Candidates available for immediate joining may be considered for appointment as visiting faculty. Visiting faculty members are expected to work full time, taking academic responsibilities, and will be paid as per the institute norms. However, they are also encouraged to apply for a regular position on the online portal as well. The last date to submit the application form for the visiting faculty position is **10<sup>th</sup> August 2025**. Application received after the deadline shall be rolled over into the next cohort for consideration. In case of any queries related to the Visiting Faculty Position. Please contact Prof. Sangeeta Sharma [hod.humanities@pilani.bits-pilani.ac.in](mailto:hod.humanities@pilani.bits-pilani.ac.in) (Head, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ph: 01596 25 5265)

