BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE, PILANI
HYDERABAD CAMPUS
JOB DESCRIPTION: RESEARCH ASSOCIATE (RA)

Position	Research Associate (RA), NFSG Phase 8 project (1 position)
Project title	Disclosure Quality, Regulatory Reform and Investor Protection in India's SME IPO Market: Evidence from the 2025 Minimum-Application-Size Change
Principal Investigator	Dr. Sukanya Wadhwa, Department of Economics and Finance | sukanya.wadhwa@hyderabad.bits-pilani.ac.in
Stipend	Rs. 30,000 per month
Duration	8 months, subject to performance and sanctioned project funds
Work location / type	On Campus (BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus) | Full-time, contractual
Last date to apply	15/12/2026

1. Research responsibilities

- Collect and compile data on SME and mainboard IPOs (subscription, pricing, financials, lead managers) from public exchange sources and licensed databases.
- Clean, merge and document firm-level panel datasets, and maintain a record of data sources and cleaning steps.
- Read and code disclosure content from DRHP/RHP documents using the agreed coding scheme.
- Run descriptive statistics and regression analyses as directed, and prepare tables and charts.
- Assist with literature search, reference management, and drafting of the manuscript and project reports.

2. Teaching and classroom support

- Assist the faculty member in classroom duties as needed, such as preparing slides, handouts, problem sets and case material.
- Classroom duties will not exceed a reasonable share of the working time and will not affect the research deliverables.

3. Required qualifications and skills

- Master's degree (completed or pursuing), or final-year Bachelor's, in Finance, Economics, Commerce, Statistics, Management, Data Science or a related area.
- Proficiency in Excel and working knowledge of Python, R or Stata. Familiarity with panel-data or regression methods is an advantage.
- Interest in capital markets and regulation, and the ability to work independently and report regularly to the PI.

4. Terms

- Stipend of Rs. 30,000 per month, paid from the project grant for the duration of the engagement.
- The engagement is temporary and project-based and does not confer any right to regular employment at the Institute.
- Selection will be by shortlisting and interview by the PI.