



Call for Research Staff Position (**Principal Project Engineer/Scientist**)

Date: 16 April 2026

About: Applications are invited from interested and motivated candidates for the post of Principal Project Engineer/Scientist on the research project sponsored by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) . The position will be purely on contractual basis as per the following details:		
Position	Principal Project Engineer/Scientist	Number of Vacancy: 03
Funding Agency	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)	
Project Title	Design and Development of an AI/ML-Driven Toolkit for Automated Cybersecurity Audits and Compliance Framework	
Principal Investigator	Dr. Vishal Gupta, Department of Computer Science and Information Systems, BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus	
Project Tenure	2 Years	
Project/Job Description	The role involves leading and contributing to a MeitY-sponsored R&D project jointly undertaken by BITS Pilani and IIT Delhi, focused on the design and development of an AI/ML-driven cybersecurity audit and compliance framework for government and critical infrastructure systems. As a Principal Project Engineer/Scientist, you will provide technical leadership in the research, design, and development of advanced cybersecurity solutions. This includes architecting and overseeing the development of automated cybersecurity auditing tools, continuous monitoring systems, and AI/ML-driven risk assessment and vulnerability analysis frameworks.	
Qualification	PhD in Computer Science or a closely related discipline, OR ME/MTech in Computer Science/Information Technology/equivalent with at least six years of research, teaching, or design and development experience, preferably supported by publications in reputed journals/conferences and demonstrated experience in leading and managing research projects.	
Upper Age Limit	NA	
Fellowship/Stipend	Rs. 75600/- to 90280/- per month.	
Registration for PhD	Selected candidates may be permitted to register for the PhD program of BITS Pilani, subject to fulfilling the requirements of the PhD qualification process as per the institute norms.	
How to Apply	Email the following documents with subject line “ Principal Project Engineer Position” to: vishalgupta@pilani.bits-pilani.ac.in a. CV (Mention past education, technical skills, research experience, publications, etc.) b. Cover letter and contact details of at least two academic referees. c. Copy of the NET/GATE/National-level exam score card (if applicable).	
Selection Process	Candidates will be shortlisted based on their merit, experience, and as per the requirements of the project. Shortlisted candidates will be informed of the interview, which will be conducted through online/offline mode. Only qualified and suitable candidates will be called for an interview.	

Application Deadline: 25th April, 2026

