# Bharat Digital Fellowship 2026

# **Empowering Technologists to Build for Bharat**

## Program Overview

The **Bharat Digital Fellowship 2026** is a prestigious **six-month national initiative** designed to embed talented technologists within Indian government departments to develop impactful digital solutions.

Fellows will work on **high-impact governance and public service projects**, guided by expert mentors from academia, government, and industry, and supported by a vibrant ecosystem of innovators.

### **O**bjectives

- Create a talent pipeline for leadership in public interest technology.
- Enable data-driven, tech-enabled solutions to real-world governance challenges.
- Foster a community of builders, designers, and data scientists committed to public service and nation-building.

#### **E** Eligibility Criteria

- Open to Indian citizens only.
- Students or early-career professionals graduating in 2024, 2025, or 2026.
- Applicants should demonstrate proficiency in one or more of the following tracks:
  - Full Stack Development
  - Data Science
  - o GIS (Geographic Information Systems)
  - Product Design (UI/UX and User Research)
- Prior experience in government or policy is not mandatory.

## Fellowship Structure

- Duration: 6 months (January June 2026)
- Location: Primarily New Delhi, with placements across state departments and smaller towns.

- Placement: Fellows are matched with departments based on skills and project requirements.
- Mentorship: Structured mentorship from experts across government, academia, and industry.
- Training: Workshops, seminars, and interdisciplinary sessions integrating technology and public policy.

#### **Sample Project Areas**

Fellows may contribute to projects such as:

- Redesigning government mobile and citizen-service apps
- Improving welfare discovery and delivery systems
- Building GIS / AI tools for disaster and emergency response
- Developing attendance, accountability, and monitoring systems
- Strengthening Panchayat-level e-governance and transparency platforms

#### Stipend and Support

- Stipend: ₹ 40,000 per month (for the full duration)
- Funded entirely by Bharat Digital
- Covers living expenses, relocation assistance, and project-related costs

## **Application Process**

- Application Deadline: 1 November 2025, 23:59 PM
- Selection: Rigorous multi-stage process including application screening and interviews with program and government stakeholders.
- Apply at: [Application link to be announced]

## → Join the Movement

Be part of a new generation of technologists shaping India's digital future.

Together, let's build scalable, inclusive, and citizen-centric digital public infrastructure for Bharat 2047.