

ALLYN FUND UP-SKILLING SCHOLARSHIPS

Empowering Economically Disadvantaged Females



In collaboration with Xavier Institute of Engineering, Allan Soares and Lynda Dyer, co-founders of the Allyn Fund, have established a scholarship fund to assist with the up-skilling of economically disadvantaged female students in SE, TE and BE. The objective is to enable these women to improve their economic prospects by acquiring workforce ready skills alongside graduate studies.

The scholarship fund of INR30 lakhs will be created by a donation of INR15 lakhs from the Allyn Fund plus a matching amount of INR15 lakhs from XIE. Interest earned on the fund capital will enable the creation of at least **20 scholarships every year** for the courses in scope.

The following courses are in scope for academic year 2022-23 since they deliver foundational skills which can lead to improved employment prospects, as well as form a base from which the student can build further. These courses are currently delivered in partnership with Microdevice Technologies, but for each academic year the scholarship management team will determine the right courses and providers to best meet the objectives of the Allyn Fund and XIE.

1. Embedded C Course (Level 0), with certification from SafeTTY Systems, UK. Fees INR9000.
2. Linux Essentials, with certification from Linux Professional Institute, Canada. Fees INR7000.
3. Internet of Things Course, Government of India nominated sunrise sector. Fees INR4000.

The scholarship fund will be administered by Prof. Smita Pawar and candidates will be assessed on the following criteria:

Academic - minimum 5 average GPA

Behavioural - minimum 60% attendance plus Class Teacher's and HoD's Report

Economic - maximum INR3 lakhs annual household income, Ration Card, Parent's Salary Slip

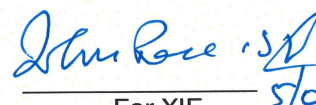
Female students from SE, TE and BE will be invited to apply for the scholarships via a Google form. Supporting documents for the selection criteria and each applicant's genuineness will be verified in a personal interview. Successful candidates will be required to complete the course with some project implementation if possible, and provide feedback on course effectiveness so that the program can be improved for future awardees and academic years. Feedback from the course instructors will also be collected on each awardee.

Allan and Lynda wish all the candidates and awardees well, and sincerely hope that the awardees will one day 'give back' their good fortune when they themselves are economically secure. Giving back could take any form, such as donations in cash or kind, mentoring of promising females, etc.

Finally, although the entire process will be run by Prof. Smita Pawar and the XIE team, Allan and Lynda welcome any contact with the awardees via email at ALLYNFUND@GMAIL.COM. They would especially appreciate updates on how the awardees are doing post graduation as they embark on their careers.




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