AI Research & Innovation Arena
(A registered Section 8 Company hosted in IIIT Raichur)

IIIT Raichur

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RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION

Vacancies in the Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence (CoE-AI)

Applications are invited for various positions on a contractual basis

About ARIA and IIIT Raichur

AI Research & Innovation Arena (ARIA) is a registered Section 8 company hosted at the **Indian Institute of Information Technology Raichur (IIIT Raichur)**. IIIT Raichur was established by the Government of India in 2019 under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. The Institute has been functioning in Raichur since January 2021, from its transit campus at Government Engineering College, Raichur. Its permanent campus is nearing completion, and the next academic year will commence there.

The Institute currently offers B.Tech. and B.Tech. (Hons.) programs in Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), Artificial Intelligence & Data Science (AI&DS), and Mathematics and Computing (M&C), along with a Ph.D. program in Mathematics, Computer Science and related areas. It is likely to expand into other branches of national relevance in line with the NEP.

About the CoE-AI

A **Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence (CoE-AI)** is being set up for innovation and entrepreneurship for regional development. The Centre aims to build AI capability in the region through AI model development and prototyping, experimentation, training programs, incubation support, regional outreach, and partnerships with government, industry, and academia. ARIA invites **online applications** from motivated and qualified candidates for the following project positions, to be filled on a contractual basis.

Funding Source

The **Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence (CoE-AI)** is funded by the Government of Karnataka.

Vacancy Details

S. No.	Name of the Post	Posts	Mode of Engagement	Indicative Consolidated Remuneration*
1	**Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**	1	Full-time, contractual	Rs. 1,00,000 to 1,20,000 per month
2	**General Manager-Operations**	1	Full-time, contractual	Rs. 80,000 to 1,00,000 per month
3	**AI / Network Engineer**	3	Full-time, contractual	Rs. 60,000 to 80,000 per month
4	**Lab Technician**	1	Full-time, contractual	Rs. 15,000 to 25,000 per month
	Total positions	**6**		

** Vacancies are tentative. Remuneration is consolidated and indicative, as per the approved CoE-AI project budget; the final amount may be fixed by the Selection Committee within the approved budget.*

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Terms of Engagement

- All positions are purely temporary and contractual, co-terminus with the CoE-AI project, and are not regular posts of ARIA or IIIT Raichur.
- The initial engagement is for **six months** (a shorter term for Research Interns), extendable subject to an annual performance review and the availability of project funds.
- Selected candidates shall have no claim to regular appointment, absorption or any service benefits.
- The place of work is **IIIT Raichur (Raichur, Karnataka)**, including field visits wherever the role requires.
- Remuneration will be consolidated, with no other allowances. Statutory deductions will apply as per rules.

Qualification and Experience (Minimum Eligibility)

Post	Essential Qualification	Relevant Experience	Desirable Requirements
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Master's degree in Engineering / Management or a related discipline from a recognized university or institute.	At least 5 years in management, innovation, incubation, or R&D in academia, industry, or government.	Experience in stakeholder engagement, fundraising, startup ecosystem building, technology commercialization and government liaison.
General Manager-Operations	Master's degree in Commerce / Management / Finance, or a Bachelor's degree with relevant experience.	At least 3 years in accounts, administration, or management, preferably in a government institution.	Knowledge of project accounting, utilization certificates, procurement and startup incubation processes.
AI / Network Engineer	B.Tech. in CSE/ECE or M.Tech. in CSE / AI&DS/ECE or a related field (M.Sc. in a relevant area is also eligible).	At least 1 year of industry or project experience in applied AI/ML is desirable.	Hands-on experience with deep learning, NLP, computer vision or Generative AI, and with cloud deployment.
Lab Technician	Diploma / B.Sc. / B.Tech. in Computer Science, Electronics or IT.	At least 2 years in lab operations or equipment maintenance is desirable.	Knowledge of computing hardware, networking, GPU servers and lab safety.

Note: The above are minimum eligibility criteria. The shortlisting committee may impose additional criteria as deemed necessary. Experience will be counted as on the last date of application.

Roles and Responsibilities

1. Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

- Provide overall leadership to the CoE-AI and execute its vision, strategy, annual plans and milestones.
- Manage key stakeholders, including government departments, industry, academia, startups and the public, and act as the primary liaison between the Centre and IIIT Raichur.
- Foster the innovation and startup ecosystem, and promote incubation and technology commercialization in the region.
- Raise funds, develop partnerships, and ensure financial and administrative compliance.
- Lead and mentor the Centre's team, and report periodically to the directors/governing body.

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2. General Manager- Operations

- This position is for finance/admin/incubation management staff
- Manage project finances, budgets, bills, procurement and utilization certificates.
- Handle administration, records, recruitment formalities and day-to-day office management.
- Support incubation activities, including onboarding, mentoring schedules and documentation of incubatees.

3. AI / Network Engineer

- Design, develop, test and deploy AI/ML solutions and prototypes for the Centre's programs and projects.
- Build and maintain data pipelines, models and applications, following sound software engineering practices (code quality, security, CI/CD).
- Provide technical support for training programs, workshops and projects.
- Guide project interns and incubatees whenever required.
- Document all work and function under the guidance of the Directors/CEO.
- Operate and maintain the Centre's laboratory, computing hardware, GPU servers and networking equipment.

4. Lab Technician

- Operate and maintain the Centre's laboratory, computing hardware, GPU servers and networking equipment under the guidance of the AI/ network engineer.
- Provide technical support to staff, interns and trainees; maintain inventory and ensure lab safety.

How to Apply

LAST DATE FOR ONLINE APPLICATIONS **30 November 2026, 11:59 PM**
Apply online at **https://iiitr.ac.in/careers** or **https://aria.iiitr.ac.in/careers** or **Direct Apply Link**

- Interested candidates may apply online through the website at **https://iiitr.ac.in/careers** or **https://aria.iiitr.ac.in/careers** on or before the last date. Candidates may apply for more than one post by submitting a separate application for each post.
- Only online applications will be considered. **APPLY HERE**
- For any query related to submitting the online application, candidates may write to **aria@iiitr.ac.in**. Enquiries related to eligibility or interpretation of rules will not be entertained.

General Instructions

1. Candidates working in Government organizations or autonomous institutions should either have their application forwarded through proper channel or submit a **No Objection Certificate** from their employer at the time of the interview, if shortlisted.
2. Submission of an application does not confer the right to be called for an interview, and being called for an interview does not confer any right to selection or appointment. ARIA reserves the right to limit the number of

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candidates called for interview, considering the number of positions, specialization requirements, etc. The decision of ARIA in all matters will be final.

3. Incomplete applications, or applications submitted without supporting documents, will be rejected.
4. Experienced and meritorious candidates may be offered a higher remuneration on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, within the approved project budget.
5. All degrees should be from a recognized University / Institute.
6. Candidates should have good communication skills and a commitment to the objectives of the Centre. Selected candidates shall be ready to take on responsibilities beyond their primary role as required by the Centre.
7. Candidates *may be* required to appear for a written test, a practical test and/or an **interview, in online or offline mode**, as decided by ARIA.
8. Reservation, where applicable, will be as per Government of India rules. Necessary certificates must be enclosed with the application.
9. ARIA reserves the right to withdraw any advertised post at any time without assigning any reason, to fill or not fill any of the posts, and to increase or decrease the number of posts advertised.
10. Any legal dispute arising out of this advertisement shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts at Raichur.
11. Candidates are advised to provide a correct and active e-mail address and mobile number in the online application, as all correspondence will be made through e-mail only.

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