



Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune Deemed University

Guidelines for On-the-Job Training (OJT)

For Post-Graduate Students As per NEP 2020

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1. Introduction:

With the introduction of NEP 2020, the higher education programs in India are gearing up to combine theoretical learning with practical application. On-the-job training and internships are tools that provide students with opportunities to apply theoretical knowledge in real-world settings. This hands-on experience helps bridge the gap between classroom learning and practical application.

Internships and on-the-job training programs also offer students the chance to develop essential skills that employers highly value. These include communication skills, problem-solving abilities, teamwork, and adaptability. By working in a professional environment, students gain valuable experience that enhances their employability. They also learn to navigate professional environments, manage responsibilities, and overcome challenges. This experiential learning fosters independence, confidence, and self-awareness, which are essential for success in both career and life.

Furthermore, students get a first-hand look at various industries and career paths. This exposure allows them to explore different fields, understand industry trends, and identify areas of interest. It also helps students make more informed decisions about their career paths after graduation. At the same time, students get valuable networking opportunities. They interact with professionals in their field, build relationships, and expand their professional network. These connections can benefit future job opportunities, mentorship, and career guidance.

Experience gained through internships/ on-the-job training certainly adds value to students' resumes. Employers often look for candidates with practical experience; internships give students a competitive edge in the job market. In addition, a successful internship can sometimes lead to full-time employment opportunities with the same organization.

It is with this backdrop that the Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth has crafted its OJT policy in light of the NEP 2020 framework as well as the guidelines provided by the Higher and Technical Education Department, Government of Maharashtra (2024) and UGC Guidelines for Internship/Research Internship for Undergraduate Students **2023**.

An Internship / OJT programme aims to provide students or recent graduates with practical work experience related to their field of study or career interests. Internships may focus on skill development, career exploration, or both.

According to the UGC guidelines, in an internship programmed, students are required to participate in work experience or professional activity, or cooperative education activity with an entity external to the education institution, under the supervision of an expert from the given external entity. A prime aspect of the internship is induction into actual work situations. Internships and OJT s include working with government or private organizations, educational institutions, research and development labs/research organizations/non- government organizations, enterprises, centers involved in research, innovativeness and entrepreneurship, business organizations, local industry, artists, craftspeople, farmers- producer organizations and similar other entities for providing opportunities to students for active engagement in on-site experiential learning.

On-the-job training (OJT) is a practical approach to acquiring new competencies and skills needed for a job in a real, or close to real, working environment. It provides the trainees with opportunities to practice skills and apply their knowledge under the most realistic conditions possible, which are the actual job conditions.

2. OJT Objectives:

An OJT programme in general sets out to achieve objectives such as

1. Align classroom learning's with workplace outcomes.
 2. Provide students with real-world work experience and align their expectations with job demands.
 3. Combine physical and digital learning modes in industry settings, blended with mentorship.
 4. Foster research skills, including knowledge discovery, analytical tools, methodologies, and ethical conduct.
 5. Introduce students to emerging technologies and their applications in various fields.
 6. Strengthen students' entrepreneurial skills and encourage job creation.
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7. Facilitate problem-solving, decision-making, team work, and collaboration.
8. Foster social awareness and philanthropic values among students.
9. Encourage collaboration between Higher Education Institutes (HEIs), industry, and academia for internships and research opportunities.
10. Instill professional principles, ethics, values, and integrity to meet employment market demands and social needs.

3. OJT outcomes:

After the completion of the OJT programme, the student will be able to;

- Apply concepts learned in classrooms to real-world work environments, enhancing their understanding and skills.
- Show insights into the challenges, opportunities, and culture of different workplaces, preparing them for future employment.
- Navigate through various learning modalities effectively through exposure to hybrid learning models.
- Show evidence of research aptitude and skills of critical thinking, analytical skills, and ethical research conduct in the conduct, and communication of their work
- Use and appreciate the use of emerging technologies and their applications, enhancing their technological literacy and adaptability.
- Display problem-solving abilities in making informed decisions in complex scenarios through practical situations.
- Work in teams and collaborate to achieve common goals in diverse work environments through collaborative projects.
- Give examples and cite ways of contributing to the field of work in a manner that displays social responsibility and sustainability.
- Display integrity in their dealings with their work and the people that they interact With by upholding professional; principles and ethical standards.

4. An indicative list of areas for OJT:

- Trade and Agriculture
 - Economy & Banking Financial Services and Insurance
 - Logistics, Automotive & Capital Goods
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- Fast Moving Consumer Goods & Retail
- Information Technology/Information Technology Enabled Services & Electronics
- Hand craft, Art, Design & Music
- Health care & Life Science
- Sports, Wellness and Physical Education
- Tourism & Hospitality
- Digitization & Emerging Technologies (Internet of Things/Artificial
- Intelligence/Machine Learning/Deep Learning/Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality etc.)
- Humanitarian, Public Policy and Legal Services
- Communication
- Education
- Sustainable Development
- Environment
- Commerce, Medium and Small-Scale Industries

It may please be noted: This is only an indicative list and not an exhaustive one.

5. Role and Responsibilities

Head of the Department (HOD):

- To conduct an orientation session to familiarize students with the OJT purpose and process.
 - To establish the code of conduct for the training period and guide students.
 - To assign department faculty members as mentors to OJT students.
 - To ensure the OJT program aligns with departmental and institutional academic objectives.
 - To provide resources, training, or assistance to ensure effective supervision.
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OJT Coordinator:

- To over-see the quality and effectiveness of the OJT program.
- To establish mechanisms for evaluating the program and making improvements.
- To act as a liaison between the department, students, faculty mentors, and OJT supervisors (Host institute/organization)

Student Coordinators:

- To assist the OJT coordinator in pre-, during and post-OJT activities.

Faculty Mentor:

- To assist in identifying OJT opportunities
- To monitor student progress and provide guidance
- To review and approve OJT plans
- To collect and review progress reports
- To evaluate OJT documentation including reports, presentations, or other required deliverables (if applicable)

Host Industry/organization/Institute in the OJT process:

- To provide a conducive work and Learning Environment
- To Assign a supervisor
- To offer work exposure
- To aid the student in developing a work plan
- To collaborate with Educational Institutions and enhance networking opportunities

OJT Supervisor (Host Institution/organization):

- To guide and direct interns/OJT students
- To provide students with hands-on training and skill development
- To provide feedback and performance evaluation
- To enhance networking and exposure

A faculty member from a college/university department who has been appointed to coordinate the OJT Cell activities.

Two students studying in the second semester (PG) appointed by the Head of the department to assist the OJT coordinator.

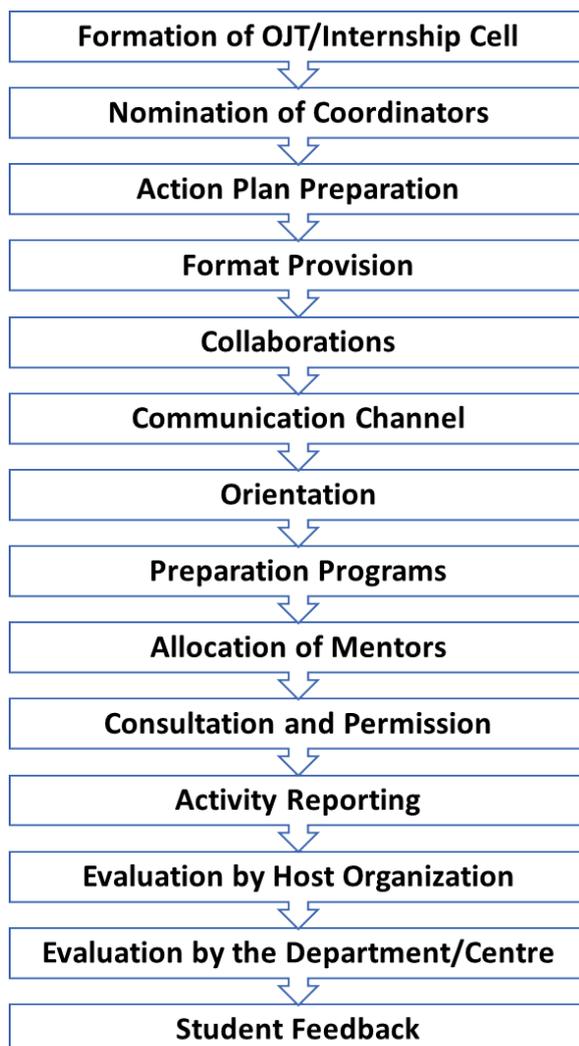
A faculty member from a college/University department who has been assigned to mentor a student/a group of students in their pre- OJT, During OJT and Post OJT phases.

The organization/institute/industry that offers OJT to students

Person who is designated by the host organization / industry to supervise a student / group of students during their OJT.

1. Process of OJT Implementation:

The Department/Centre/Institute may consider the following Mechanism for the implementation of OJT:



1. To facilitate effective implementation of the OJT program, Colleges/Departments/Institutes are encouraged to establish an OJT Cell-responsible for overseeing its smooth functioning. It will consist of the following: Head of the department, OJT Coordinator, Faculty Mentors and one/two student coordinators.
2. One teaching faculty member and one/two students from each postgraduate department will be nominated to serve as coordinators for the OJT program. These coordinators will play a crucial role in coordinating and implementing the program within their respective departments.

The Department, however, may decide if they should have student coordinators, based the strength of the batch undergoing OJT.

1. The teacher coordinator will take the lead in preparing an action plan for the implementation of the OJT program. They will also be responsible for coordinating with the central team of the University/College to ensure alignment with broader institutional goals.
2. To streamline the administrative process, the Department/Centre will provide necessary formats to students for documentation related to the OJT program.
3. Each Department/Centre must ensure collaborations with 8-10 relevant organizations, industries, or research institutes. These collaborations will serve as crucial avenues for facilitating internship opportunities for students.
4. Furthermore, the College/Department/Centre/Institute is encouraged to explore and initiate the process of signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with local businesses, research organizations, and Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs). Such agreements will facilitate training, research, and potential employment opportunities for students.
5. Effective communication is key to the success of the OJT program. All communication about the program will be channeled through the designated OJT coordinator of the department/centre/Institute. This individual will also be responsible for maintaining relevant documents related to the program.
6. Before the commencement of the OJT program, an orientation session will be conducted by the Head of Department. This session will serve to familiarize students with the purpose, process, and code of conduct associated with the program.
7. In addition to orientation, the OJT Cell may design programs or workshops aimed at preparing students for their OJT/internship experience.
8. To ensure effective mentoring and support, an equal number of students will be allocated to each faculty member of the department. These faculty members will act as internship/OJT mentors and will be responsible for monitoring and evaluating the progress of the allotted students.
9. Once students are shortlisted for OJT/internship opportunities, they will consult with the internship/OJT coordinator and mentor. Upon obtaining due permission from the parent institution, students will join the host organization for their OJT/internship experience. Throughout the OJT/internship period, students will maintain activity reports as per the provided format.

- i. These reports will be duly signed by the respective supervisor at the host institution and submitted to their department mentors regularly.
10. Upon completion of the OJT/internship program, students must submit a completion certificate duly signed by the OJT supervisor or a competent authority designated by the host organization. Additionally, they are required to submit a report highlighting their learning and experiences during the internship period to the OJT coordinator.
11. To ensure transparency and accountability, students will also present their work done during the internship to the Department/Centre/Institute committee, which may consist of the OJT Coordinator and Department Mentor.
12. Finally, student feedback will be collected to evaluate the effectiveness of the OJT program and identify areas for improvement in both the program implementation and the broader curriculum.

Credits and Duration of On-the-Job Training (OJT):

- a. On-the-job training (OJT) will carry a weight age of Four Credits.
- b. Each student is required to complete one hundred and twenty clock hours of On-the-Job Training (OJT).
- c. The OJT program is to be completed during Semester II. According to the guidelines outlined in the National Education Policy (NEP), post graduate students are expected to fulfill this requirement either within the second semester of their PG program or during the semester break following the second semester.

Evaluation of OJT:

Evaluation during the OJT program involves two key components: External Evaluation (50%) and Internal Evaluation (50%). The following is a suggested two-fold pattern of evaluation.

3. Host Organization Evaluation: The host organization will assess students based on criteria such as punctuality, completion of hours, and proficiency in required skill sets. They will also provide feedback on the student's overall performance.
4. Department Mentor Evaluation: Additionally, students will be evaluated by their

department mentor based on their weekly reporting, written report, and viva voce/presentations.

In the event that a student is unable to fulfill their obligation to report to their designated organization on a particular day due to medical or other critical reasons, they are required to promptly notify both their department and the organization.

In case of the non-completion of On-the-Job Training (OJT) during these cond semester, student must ensure that the backlog be completed before the conclusion of the third semester.

The suggested evaluation grid for the assessment:

External (OJT Supervisor, for instance)	Completion of Hours	Quality/Performance	Punctuality/Regularity	Total
	20	20	10	50
Department Mentor	Weekly Reporting	Written Report	Viva-Voce/Presentation	
	15	20	15	50
Total				100

Appendices

Appendix I: OJT Undertaking

1. Student Name:	
2. Current Address	
3. Residence Address	
4. Email ID	
5. Mobile No.	
6. Aadhar	
7. PAN	
8. Overall GPA	
9. Mode of Internship	
I confirm that I agree with the terms, conditions, and requirements of the OJT Policy Student Signature: Date__	
I confirm that the student has attended the OJT orientation, and he/she has met all paperwork and process requirements to participate in the OJT programmed and has received approval from his/her mentor. Sign of Head of the Department/Department Coordinator/Mentor Date	

Name Contact Number and Email-ID: Education	
HEI Name Degree/Specialization: CGPA:	Year
HEI Name:<bachelor's degree> Degree / Specialization: CGPA:	Year
Internship/Work Experience	Year
Organization Project: Brief:	Year
Academic Experience	
Semester Project: Brief:	Year

Appendix II: Draft Resume Template

- Emphasize accomplishments that are relevant to the field
- Be specific—omit unnecessary words and sentences
- Start your sentence with an action verb, not a passive one-Use past-tense verb to show what you have accomplished Quantify results as much as possible
- Use keywords that will catch a recruiter's eye

Other Achievements and Personal Interests

- List other achievements also in reverse chronological order
- Leadership positions held outside your formal work environment
- Personal interests and accomplishments that will distinguish you from other applicants
- Volunteer service/Social Work

Languages known (Mention the level of Proficiency)

Computer Proficiency (Mention the skills you possess)

Appendix III : organization Outreach Letter

<College/Department/Centre/Institute Letter Head>

To

The (Designation of the person addressed)

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Subject : Request for _____ weeks/hours OJT of Students pursuing _____

Dear Sir/Madam,

The (Name of the College/department/centre/Institute) established in _____, is one of the leading Colleges/departments that reflects the vision of leading industrialists and educationalists. The College/department/centre/Institute has been recognized for its overall academic excellence and infrastructure⁹.

In view of the above, I request your good self to allow our following (no. of students) students for practical training in your esteemed organization. Kindly accord your permission and give at least one week for students to join training after confirmation.

Sr. No.	Name	Roll no.	Year	Department

The resume of these students are attached to this letter. If vacancies exist, kindly plan for interviews of the students in the above branches.

A line of confirm at ion will be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

OJT/Internship Coordinator/Head of Department
<Department/Centre Name and Date>

⁹Each College/Department/Centre may customize the content in the main body to suit their specifications.

Appendix IV : Joining Letter of student

<College/Department/Centre/Institute>

To

(Designation of Person addressed)

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Subject: Joining letter of student

Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter/e-mail dated on the above-cited subject. As permitted by your good self the following students will undergo OJT/Internship in your esteemed organization under your sole guidance and direction

Sr. No.	Name	Roll no.	Year	Department

This training is an essential part of the curriculum, and the following guidelines have been prescribed in the curriculum for the training. You are, therefore, requested to please issue the following guidelines to the concerned OJT supervisor.

- Each student is required to prepare an OJT diary and report.
- Kindly check the OJT diary of the student on a timely manner.
- Issue instructions regarding working hours during training and maintenance of the attendance record

You are requested to evaluate the student's performance based on the below-mentioned parameters (we will provide you with the evaluation sheet):

Completion of Hours	Quality/Performance	Punctuality/Regularity
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The performance report may please be forwarded to the undersigned on completion of training in a sealed envelope or in an email.

Your efforts in this regard will positively enhance the knowledge and practical skills of the students, your cooperation will be highly appreciated, and we shall feel obliged.

The students will abide by the rules and regulations of the organization and will maintain proper discipline with keen interest during their OJT. The students will report to you on _____

_____ (date) along with a copy of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Internship Coordinator/HOD

<Department Name and Date>

Appendix VI: Attendance Sheet

Name & Address of organization
<Organization Letter Head>

Name of the Student	
Roll Number	
Name of Course	
Date of Commencement of Training	
Date of Completion of Training	

Month and Year:

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
11						
12						

- The attendance sheet should remain affixed to the Daily Training Diary. Do not remove or tear it off.
- Holidays should be marked in Red Ink in the attendance column. Absent should be marked as 'A' in Red Ink.

Name and Signature of OJT Supervisor (with date)_____

Even in case of hybrid mode, a certificate of attendance duly signed by the OJT Supervisor needs to be submitted

Appendix VII: Supervisor Evaluation of OJT Student

<Organization Letter Head>

Student Name: _____ Date: _____
OJT Supervisor: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

OJT Address: _____

Dates of OJT: From _____

To _____

Please evaluate the intern based on the points mentioned in the table below.

Sr. no.	Particular	Marks
1	Completing of Hours (out of 20)	
2	Quality/Performance (out of 20)	
3	Punctuality/Regularity (outof10)	
Total (out of 50)		

Over all performance of student intern (tick one):

(Needs improvement/Satisfactory/Good/ Excellent)

Additional comments, if any:

Signature of Industry/ Organisation supervisor

Please note that this is a suggested template. However, the department may modify as per their parameters.

Appendix VIII: Pro-forma for Evaluation of OJT by Institute

<Name of the College/Department/Centre/Institute>

1. Name of Student _____
2. Mob. No. _____
3. Roll No. _____
4. Branch/Semester _____
5. Period of Training _____
6. Address of Training Site/organization: _____
7. Type of Work _____
Date of Evaluation _____
Please rate the following:

Sr. no.	Particular	Marks
1	Weekly Reporting (out of 15)	
2	Written Report (out of 20)	
3	Viva-Voce/Presentation (out of 15)	
Total(out of 50)		

Additional Remarks (if any):

Signature of Faculty Mentor

Appendix IX: Pro-forma for OJT COMPLETION CERTIFICATE

The student should attach OJT completion certificate, duly signed by the industry/organization supervisor to his/her report. A representative format for the OJT completion certificate is as given below:

CERTIFICATE

(On Company/Institute Letterhead)

This is to certify that Ms./Mr. _____, has successfully completed the On-Job training in the _____, from _____ to _____ under the supervision of _____

Authorized signature

Appendix X– Forma to f OJT Report

- Title of the Report: On-the-Job Training Experience Report
- Name of the Student:
- Name of the organization:
- Department/Division Where Training took place
- Duration of Training:[Start Date to End Date of Training]
- Date of Submission:[Date of Submitting the Report]

The following is a suggested outline. However, the students are advised to consult their respective OJT Mentors.

- Introduction
 - Company Overview
 - Training Objectives
 - Training Experience
 - Skills Developed
 - Achievements & Contributions
 - Challenges Faced
 - Lessons Learned
 - Recommendations
 - Conclusion
 - Appendices(if any)
 - References
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Appendix XI: Student Feedback of OJT

(To be filled by Students after OJT completion)

Student Name: _____ Date: _____
 Industry/Organization Supervisor: _____ Title: _____
 Supervisor Email: _____ OJT is: Paid _____ Unpaid _____
 _____ Organization: _____
 _____ OJT Address: _____
 _____ Faculty Coordinator: _____
 _____ Department: _____
 Dates of OJT: From _____ To _____

Give a brief description of your OJT work (title and tasks for which you were responsible): Was your internship experience related to your major area of study?

- Yes, to a large degree
- Yes, to a slight degree
- No, not related at all

Indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

This experience has:	Strongly Agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Given me the opportunity to explore a career field					
Allowed me to apply class room theory to practice					
Helped me develop my decision-making And problem-solving skills					
Expanded my knowledge about the work World before permanent employment					
Helped me develop my written And oral communication skills					
Provided a chance to use leadership skills(influence others, develop ideas With others, stimulate decision-making and action)					

Expanded my sensitivity to the ethical implication soft he work involved					
Made it possible for me to be More confident in new situations					
Given me a chance to improve My interpersonal skills					
Helped me learn to handle responsibility and use my time wisely					
Helped me discover new Aspects of my-self that I didn't know existed before					
Helped me develop new Interests and abilities					
Helped me clarify my career Goals					
Provided me with contacts Which may lead to future employment					
Allowed me to acquire information and/ or use equipment not available at my Institute					

<Signature of Student>
 <Name, Roll number, Date>

Under the Guidance of

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

Hon'ble Pro-Vice Chancellor

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