



Alumni & Corporate Relations
Indian Institute of Technology Madras

STUDENT LIVING EXPENSE

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DEAN'S MESSAGE

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Greetings from the Office of Alumni and Corporate Relations!

Over the years, the Institute has evolved into a leading centre for education, research, and innovation, supported by the continued encouragement of our alumni, industry partners, and philanthropic well-wishers. As IIT Madras advances towards becoming a globally recognized institution for scientific thought and impactful innovation, support from well-wishers like you continues to play a vital role in shaping this journey.

We are deeply grateful for your generous support towards student welfare and academic excellence. Your contribution has helped students pursue their academic aspirations with greater confidence and financial security, making a meaningful difference in their educational journey and overall development.

This report has been thoughtfully compiled to share the impact of your contribution and highlight how your support is positively shaping student journeys at IIT Madras. We sincerely thank you for your continued trust, generosity, and support, and we look forward to strengthening this partnership in the years ahead.

Wishing you continued success in all your endeavours.

STUDENT LIVING EXPENSE

IIT Madras remains deeply committed to fostering academic excellence and ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder access to quality education for deserving students across India. The Institute supports students from economically diverse backgrounds, including those with annual parental income below ₹8 lakhs. Substantial expenses related to hostel accommodation and mess charges—amounting to nearly ₹1 lakh per annum—continue to pose a major financial challenge.

The generous support received through the Living Expenses from various donors has played a vital role in bridging this critical gap. The funds have been utilized to support students' hostel and mess expenses, thereby reducing their financial burden and enabling them to focus on their academic pursuits. This support has not only contributed to the students' well-being and continuity of education but has also strengthened their confidence and motivation to excel academically.

Eligibility Criteria

- Parental income should be below Rs. 8,00,000 per annum.
- B. Tech./Dual Degree/B.S. students are eligible.
- The student should not be a recipient of any other scholarship.
- Each eligible student shall be awarded a scholarship amount of Rs. 1,00,000 per year.

OVERALL
1050+
STUDENTS BENEFITED
with parental income < 8 L

Testimonials From A Few Beneficiaries



MAHMOOD SINAN P A

Dual Degree, Engineering Design

Aspirations

When I finished my 12th in a govt school without any JEE coaching, I thought if I have a chance of getting into an IIT, why not use that ? So I repeated a year for JEE. I heard so many stories about IITM because my favourite physics faculty in my coaching institute was IITM EE alumni. So I wanted to get into IITM itself. I want to become an SDE because I love doing programming so much.

Impact

It had a very big impact in my life. Because I know my family won't be able to pay my fees. I paid my hostel fees and mess fees for 2 semesters with that fees. The fees covers exactly the money for hostel and mess fees. So I'm really grateful for this scholarship.

Gratitude Note

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Hi, I'm really grateful that I am provided this scholarship. It really helped me to pay my hostel and mess fees. My family isn't capable of paying such a huge amount. My father's income is 72,000 rs a year and he is the sole income source for my family. Even then, he is struggling to sustain our family. So this is such a great blessing for me. Thank you so much. I don't know who you are, but I'm truly grateful for this opportunity. May God bless you.

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NIRANJANA R

B.Tech, Chemical Engineering

Aspirations

I came to IITM, in hopes to challenge and evolve myself. It felt like an golden ticket, which I earned, as I am going to be the first graduate of my family.

And here I am pushing myself. I aim to enter the field of Consulting, while also building a strong foundation in Chemical Engineering aiming for a Stable Chemical-Core related Job.

My aspiration is simple and profound, Be financially stable , continuously evolve and achieve success in life.

Impact

I was initially opting to be a day scholar, as even paying for mess and hostel fees was a Huge burden. But now, with this scholarship I can experience the IIT experience, not just survive it.

I can now settle all my fees.

Gratitude Note

I sincerely thank the donor. I wish words could express what I feel. I would love to met you one day after I become accomplished and financially stable. Your act of Kindness has truly transformed my life, and also motivates me to be better and better every day.



AKKASANI BINDHU MADHAV

B.Tech, Computer Science and Engineering

Aspirations

My aspiration at Indian Institute of Technology Madras is to gain strong technical knowledge, improve my problem-solving skills, and actively participate in open-source and technical communities. In life, I want to build a successful career in technology, become financially stable, support my family, and create a better future through hard work and continuous learning.

Impact

This living expense support has reduced my financial burden and helped me focus better on my studies and skill development without constantly worrying about expenses. It has motivated me to work harder, make better use of the opportunities at Indian Institute of Technology Madras, and continue striving toward my goals with greater confidence.

Gratitude Note

I sincerely thank the donor for providing this valuable support. Coming from a financially struggling family, this assistance has greatly reduced my burden and allowed me to focus more on my education and personal growth. Your generosity has motivated me to work harder and continue striving toward my goals with confidence. I am truly grateful for your kindness and support in helping students like me build a better future.



MADHUSUDHAN REDDY LAKKIREDDY

B.Tech, Chemical Engineering

Aspirations

Exploring iitm labs and working under professors in my interesting renewable energy domain. In my life doing RnD in nuclear fusion energy companies.

Impact

It helped me in paying my hostel fee in my 1st year.

Gratitude Note

I would like to sincerely thank you for providing me with this scholarship support for my living expenses. Your support means a lot to me and has reduced a significant burden, allowing me to focus more on my studies and personal growth.

I am truly grateful for this opportunity and your trust in me. I will work hard and make the best use of this support. Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity.



SHRUTI TIWARI

B.Tech, Chemical Engineering

Aspirations

I was really confused in the first year but I explored various clubs like ECell which made me realise I am interested in entrepreneurship. Also I have started exploring other interests while applying for C Phi. I am still exploring my interests in IIT Madras so I am not really sure what career I want to choose in the future. But I always try my best in doing whatever I'm doing well

Impact

This living expense support has helped me reduce the financial burden on my father as I am able to take care of my expenses myself.

Gratitude Note

I am writing to express my gratitude for the scholarship. It allows me to pursue my degree without a heavy financial burden holding me back. I am eager to use this opportunity to work hard, graduate, and contribute meaningfully to my community.

Thank you for believing in me and investing in my education.



SAHIL

Dual Degree, Physics

Aspirations

Overall my aspirations to grow bigger and stronger. I want to learn as much as I can and try to dedicate my learning for my country and for my family, who raised me.

Impact

This scholarship help me in filling the tuition and hostel fees

Gratitude Note

Thank you so much sir/madam for this much support.



PRAMOD KUMAR MAHATO

B.Tech, Chemical Engineering

Aspirations

I am still exploring various aspects of my core chemical engineering domain, as in life i am enthusiastic about space and want to contribute towards India's space mission.

Impact

I have been trying to get a loan from a local bank under a specific scheme. even after 2 years it have not been approved. Then i got to know about this initiatives by our own alumnus , it cleared a huge burden from my life and helped me to get focus on better and things which actually need to be prioritized, otherwise it would have been a tough time.

Gratitude Note

Thank you for this initiative, it means a lot for us.



DASARI KARTHIK

B.Tech, Aerospace Engineering

Aspirations

I want to be something big in life. I choose aerospace engineering even though it have too much academic stress I am pushing my self day by Day to become more responsible and capable of managing life in every way possible.

Impact

This Living Expense support has reduced a major financial burden and allowed me to focus more on my academics and personal growth .

Gratitude Note

I am very very grateful. Your contribution has made a meaningful difference in my life. Because of this support, I am able to focus on studies, personal development, and opportunities at IIT Madras. It has given me confidence, motivation to work harder toward my goals. I hope one day i support others in the same way.

I would like to say Thank you once again for your support and for impacting my academic journey and future aspirations.



CHILAKA VINEETH VARDHAN

B.Tech, Chemical Engineering

Aspirations

My aspiration at Indian Institute of Technology Madras is to maintain a good academic CGPA and build strong knowledge in Chemical Engineering. After graduation, I aim to pursue a core Chemical Engineering career. In life, I want to become financially stable, support my family, and give back to the people who have supported me throughout my journey.

Impact

The fees I need to pay at Indian Institute of Technology Madras are around ₹1 lakh every year. The living expense support helps me cover these expenses and reduces the financial burden on my family.

Gratitude Note

I sincerely thank the donor for supporting students through this initiative. Receiving the Scholarship is a great help to me and our family. It reduces the financial burden and helps me work hard towards my goals.

I am truly grateful for your generosity and kindness.



VEMULA NAGESH KUMAR

B.Tech, Chemical Engineering

Aspirations

At IITM, I want to explore AI ML and build a strong career in that field. I am passionate about technology and continuously learning new skills, and I hope to become a skilled AI/ML engineer in the future.

My biggest goal in life is to support my family, make my parents proud, and give them a comfortable life after all the sacrifices they have made for my education.

Impact

This Living Expense support has brought a lot of relief to me and my family. Since my father's small pan shop is our only source of income, managing my expenses at IITM was always a concern for us. This support helped reduce that burden and allowed me to focus more on my studies and self-development without constantly worrying about finances. It also gave me motivation and confidence to work harder and make my parents proud.

Gratitude Note

Thank you very much for your generous support through the Student Living Expense initiative. This assistance has helped me manage my hostel, and mess expenses and reduced the financial burden on my family. Your kindness motivates me to work harder and make the best use of my opportunities at IITM. I am truly grateful for your support and belief in students like me.



ANSHUL DIWAKAR GODBOLE

B.Tech, Chemical Engineering

Aspirations

My aspiration at iit madras is to make the most of the opportunities that are available here. My goal is not only to perform academically well but as well as to grow as a person. In life I want to become a person on which others can depend and admire I want to support my family.

Impact

This Living Expense support has genuinely helped me a lot. It helped me manage my hostel and mess fees and it also reduced a major financial burden on me and my family. Because of this support I was able to manage my living expenses and also I was able to focus more on my student life. More than that it gave me a peace of mind and motivation that someone is willing to support students encourage me to work harder and make best use of my time at IIT MADRAS.

Gratitude Note

I would like to sincerely thank you for your generous support. Your contribution has helped me manage important living expenses such as hostel and mess fees, it has made a real difference in my daily life this support has reduced the financial burden and stress for me and my family. I truly appreciate your kindness and belief in students like me.

Thankyou once again for your support and generosity. I will always remain grateful to your support.

“ I feel truly thankful and happy to receive this scholarship. It means a lot to me, not just financially, but also as a reminder that someone believes in my efforts and dreams. Your support motivates me to work harder and make the most of every opportunity I get. I'm really grateful for your kindness and generosity.

– KANIKICHARLA VEDASREE
B.Tech, Computer Science and Engineering ”

“ I am honoured to receive this scholarship. These scholarships help my family and me a lot. They reduce the financial burden on my family and also allows me to focus more on my coursework and skill development

– KARUTURI DURGA SRI
B.Tech, Mechanical Engineering ”

“ Knowing that my living expenses are taken care of lets me actually breathe and focus on what I came here to do, learn and grow and make friends, connect to people, make your network bigger. It's not just financial relief; it's a reminder that people believe in what I'm working toward, and that pushes me to show up better every day. I'm very happy and truly grateful.

– CHINTHAREDDY AMAN REDDY
Dual Degree, Aerospace Engineering ”

“ I want to express my deepest thanks. Your generous support with my living expenses allows me to dedicate my full attention to my studies and technical pursuits at IIT Madras. I am truly grateful for this assistance and the peace of mind it provides.

– ROHAN RAJARAM KENJALE
B.Tech, Ocean Engineering ”

“ I am deeply grateful to be awarded this scholarship. It is not only a financial support but also a strong encouragement for me to continue striving for excellence in my academic journey. Receiving this recognition motivates me to work harder and make the most of the opportunities ahead.

I sincerely thank the donor for their generosity and belief in students like me. Your support inspires me to pursue my goals with greater dedication and to contribute meaningfully in the future. I hope to one day be in a position to give back and support others, just as you have supported me.

– ADESARA JAY KIRTIBHAI
B.Tech, Mechanical Engineering ”

“ Absolutely grateful for the scholarship. This came in at the most crucial time especially when my father is recovering from a major setback financially and health wise. Even a million thank yous aren't enough and needless to say I will pay this forward whenever I get the chance to!

This amount might not mean a lot from your vantage point, but for me it's so much more, it's a major burden off my struggling dad, it really has helped me pursue my goals without anything holding me back. Thanks a tonne again, this contribution really cannot be thanked for in words ❤️

– VIRKAR SOHAM MANGESH
B.Tech, Aerospace Engineering ”

“ I am deeply grateful and honored to receive this scholarship. Your generous support has eased my financial burden and my father's worry and also allowed me to focus more fully on my studies and personal growth. Knowing that someone believes in my potential motivates me to work harder and make the most of this opportunity. Thank you for investing in my education and future.

– AMMU NAGA KAUSTHUB
B.Tech, Metallurgy and Material Engineering ”



We would like to take this opportunity again to express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who made benevolent contributions towards the growth and development of IIT Madras.



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