



Call for Mentors

National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) is pleased to invite members of the **inSIG Alumni** to apply as **Mentors** for its ICANN85 Fellowship Program, for the upcoming **ICANN85 Community Forum in Mumbai**.

Eligibility Criteria of Mentors

- **Nationality:** Must be Indian national and presently residing in India.
- **Age:** Must be 40 years or below.
- **ICANN Engagement:** Must have prior or ongoing engagement with the ICANN ecosystem, demonstrated through one or more of the following:
 - a. Engagement in areas that align with ICANN's scope of work.
 - b. Participation in ICANN-related global or regional meetings, events, or webinars, (either remotely or in person), including (but not limited to) APIGA, APSIG, APriGF, and yIGF.
 - c. Experience working within any ICANN Supporting Organisation (SO) or Advisory Committee (AC).
- Those who have attended at least one ICANN meeting (in-person) will be given preference.

Expectations from Mentors

- **Guidance and Engagement:** Willing to mentor assigned fellows to actively engage with and navigate ICANN85.
- **Pre-Meeting Support:** Able to devote a minimum of 1–2 hours per week prior to ICANN85 to interact with assigned fellows online, providing orientation and addressing queries. (one of the members of the selection committee must also attend)
- **During the Meeting:** Provide a list of all the mandatory sessions to their assigned fellows and conduct regular check-ins and offer necessary guidance to ensure fellows' meaningful participation. They must adhere to ICANN's [Expected Standard of Behavior](#).
- **Post-Meeting Contribution:** Submit a brief report at the conclusion of ICANN85 summarizing mentoring activities and outcomes.

Other important information

1. Accommodation for the fellows and mentors will be booked by NIXI.
 - **Check-in date:** 6 March 2026



- **Check-in time:** as per the hotel guidelines
 - **Check-out date:** 13 March 2026
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 - Rooms may be on a twin-sharing basis, subject to availability.
2. **Local Travel:** NIXI shall reimburse local taxi/cab travel expenses booked through Ola or Uber, for
- travel between the airport and the lodging (round trip) and
 - travel between the lodging and the venue (round trip) on the event days.
- Reimbursement shall be subject to submission of original/actual bills/receipts and valid proof of payment (e.g., Ola/Uber app invoice/receipt showing trip details and amount paid)) for the eligible journeys.
3. **Daily allowance:** DA for all participating fellows and mentors would be INR 1200/- per person per day from 6th March 2026 till 12th March 2026.
4. **Round trip tickets will be also booked by fellows and reimbursed by NIXI:**
- In the case of air travel, Economy Class tickets shall be booked and in the case of train travel, 3AC/2AC tickets shall be booked by the fellows and mentor fellows.
 - All tickets eligible for reimbursement must be booked only through the official website of the airline (for air travel) or IRCTC (for train travel).
 - Fellows and mentor fellows who book their tickets within seven (7) days of issuance of the selection notice shall be eligible for full reimbursement on submission of the booking invoice/itinerary and valid proof of payment. However, in case the booking is made after the expiry of seven (7) days from the date of the selection notice, reimbursement shall be capped at a maximum of INR 20,000/- per person for round trip travel.
 - Reimbursement in all cases shall be processed only on submission of the booking invoice/itinerary and valid proof of payment for bookings made through the official website of the airline or IRCTC only.
 - The selected fellows and mentors will be asked to share the details mentioned in Annexure - I.

Individuals who are interested in applying as mentors can apply through this [form](#).

Last date to apply 7 February 2026.

Applications received, will be reviewed by the **inSIG Organisers**, and **10 Mentors** will be selected for the Fellowship Program.