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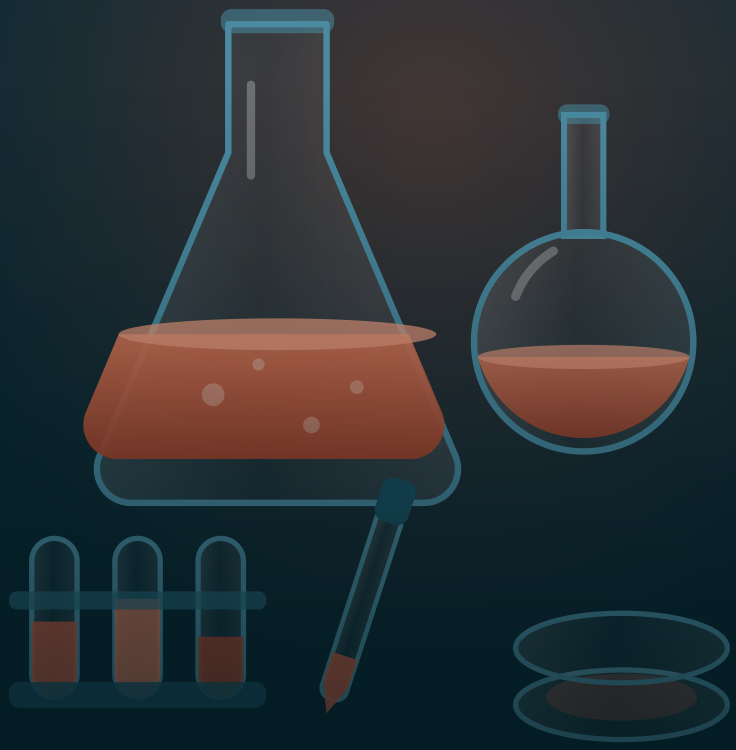
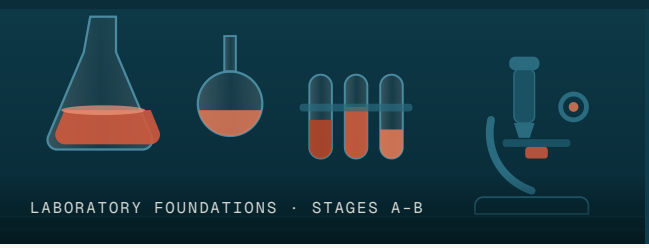


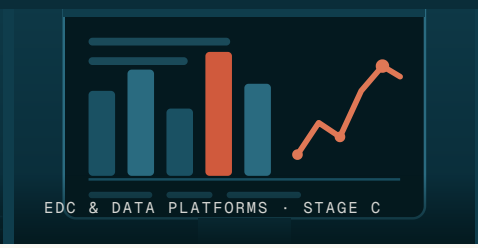
POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA · PGDCR

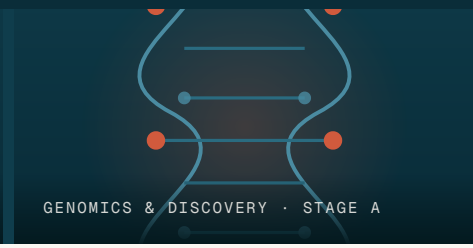
PG Diploma in *Clinical Research*

Six months. Twenty-one modules. Every major domain in the industry — then you choose your specialisation with the experience to choose well.

DURATION	MODE	FEES	COHORT
6 months	Online & Classroom	₹76,700	30 seats
Evenings 6–9 PM & full Saturdays	Live online, or Tathawade, Pune	₹65,000 + 18% GST · EMI	Capped · January & July







THE CASE FOR THE PG DIPLOMA

Breadth is leverage. Specialise once you know what the work actually feels like.

Most graduates entering clinical research cannot yet tell whether they prefer field work, analytical work, writing, regulatory strategy or safety. Committing to one before touching any of them is a guess. The PG Diploma removes the guess: you work through **every major domain** across six months, then choose your track in the final stage.

Breadth also pays at the offer stage. A diploma graduate can credibly interview for any clinical research role; specialised-course graduates are locked to one. Around **60% of the cohort receives offers across two or more role types** — which is where negotiating leverage comes from.

- 21 modules, sequenced from first principles to industry practice
- Faculty rotates by domain — every module taught by an active practitioner
- Industry case studies and a capstone project you can show at interview

WHO CAN APPLY

Eligibility

Open to pharmacy, life-sciences and medical graduates. No prior industry experience required.

- → B.Pharm and M.Pharm graduates
- → B.Sc / M.Sc — Life Sciences, Biotechnology, Microbiology
- → BDS, MBBS, BHMS, BAMS, BPT graduates
- → Final-year students, with conditional joining
- → Working professionals from adjacent fields

THE SIX MONTHS

Twenty-one modules, in five stages.

Each stage assumes the one before it. You do not touch trial documentation until you understand what a trial is for, and you do not choose a specialisation until you have worked in all of them.

Weeks 1-4 | Weeks 5-8 | Weeks 9-15 | Weeks 16-21 | Weeks 22-24

STAGE A

Scientific Foundations

What a medicine is, how it acts on the body, and how it gets discovered.

M1 M2 M3

STAGE B

Ethics, Regulation & the Team

The tragedies that built the rulebook, the guidelines that resulted, and who does what.

M4 M5 M6

STAGE C

Running the Trial

Documentation, methodology and biostatistics, study design, data management, safety and quality.

M7 M8 M9 M10 M11 M12

STAGE D

Specialist Domains

Pharmacoeconomics, medical devices, medical writing, decentralised trials, current regulation and AI.

M13 M14 M15 M16 M17 M18

STAGE E

Industry Readiness

Placement mastery, real case studies, and a capstone project.

M19 M20 M21

MODULE BY MODULE

The full syllabus.

STAGE A · SCIENTIFIC FOUNDATIONS

MODULE 01

Introduction to Clinical Research

- Definition and history — the basics
- The clinical research industry and how it is structured
- Clinical research versus clinical trials
- Clinical research terminology
- General medical terminology

MODULE 02

General Pharmacology & Mechanism of Drug Action

- Basics of pharmacology; branches of pharmacy
- History of pharmacy
- The Indian pharmaceutical industry
- Pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics
- Routes of dose administration
- Dosage forms

MODULE 03

Drug Discovery & Drug Development

- History of drug discovery
- The drug discovery process
- Target identification
- Lead identification and lead optimisation
- Discovery genomics
- Preclinical studies

STAGE B · ETHICS, REGULATION & THE TEAM

MODULE 04

Historical Perspectives & Evolution of the Ethical and Regulatory Framework

- The Nuremberg Code, 1947
- The Declaration of Helsinki
- The thalidomide tragedy
- The Belmont Report
- Schedule Y
- Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 & Rules, 1945
- History of the ICH

MODULE 05

Ethical Issues in Clinical Research

- ICH guidelines: ICH-GCP E6(R2) and E6(R3)
- ICMR ethical guidelines
- Ethics of placebo use in clinical trials
- CDSCO and ICMR — India
- USFDA (USA) and EMA (Europe)
- MHRA (UK) and TGA (Australia)

MODULE 06

Stakeholders & Core Team: Roles and Responsibilities

- Investigator — roles and responsibilities
- Sponsor — roles and responsibilities
- Contract Research Organisation (CRO)
- Ethics committee (IRB / IEC)
- Regulatory agencies: USFDA, EMA, CDSCO
- Clinical Research Coordinator (CRC)
- Clinical Research Associate (CRA)

STAGE C · RUNNING THE TRIAL

MODULE 07

Clinical Research Documentation

- Essential documents before, during and after the trial — ICH-GCP
- The protocol
- Informed consent documents
- Investigator's Brochure
- Case Report Form
- Clinical Study Report

MODULE 08

Research Methodology & Applied Biostatistics

- Defining the research problem
- Sampling design
- Hypothesis testing
- Parametric and non-parametric tests
- Scientific writing

MODULE 09

Types and Designs Used in Clinical Research

- Diagnostic and treatment trials
- Interventional and observational studies
- Case-control and cohort studies
- Randomised controlled trials
- Quasi-experiments

MODULE 10

Clinical Trial Data Management

- Introduction to data management
- Electronic data records
- eCRF and Interactive Web Response Systems
- Database locking and unlocking
- Good documentation practices

MODULE 11

Pharmacovigilance & Safety Monitoring

- Adverse drug reactions
- Serious Adverse Events (SAE)
- SAE reporting timelines
- Pharmacovigilance methods
- Signal detection and data mining
- PvPI — Pharmacovigilance Programme of India
- Risk Management Plans

MODULE 12

Quality Assurance & Quality Control in Clinical Trials

- Introduction to Quality Management Systems
- Quality assurance
- Quality control
- Audits and inspections
- Types of audit
- General audit observations

STAGE D · SPECIALIST DOMAINS

MODULE 13

Pharmacoepidemiology & Pharmacoeconomics

- Pharmacoepidemiology — methods
- Clinical application of pharmacoepidemiology
- Principles of pharmacoeconomic analysis
- Pharmaceutical outcomes evaluation

MODULE 14

Medical Device Clinical Trials (MDCTs)

- Medical Devices Rules, 2017
- Classification of medical devices
- Materiovigilance
- Phases of medical device clinical trials

MODULE 15

Medical Writing for Trials & Regulatory Submission

- Case reports
- Article writing
- Designing the clinical trial protocol
- CRF design
- Informed consent documents
- Clinical Study Reports

MODULE 16

Virtual & Decentralised Clinical Trials

- E-consent, including audio-visual consent
- Electronic patient-reported outcomes (ePRO)
- Interactive Web Response Systems (IWRS)
- Telemedicine in trial conduct
- Patient e-diaries
- Remote patient monitoring

MODULE 17

Clinical Trials – Latest Updates (2019 to date)

- ICH-GCP E6(R3)
- NDCT Rules 2019 and the 2023 amendment
- ICMR — HMSC
- Recent CDSCO notices
- NABH ethics committee standards

MODULE 18

Artificial Intelligence in Clinical Research

- Introduction to AI
- Evolution of AI in healthcare
- Machine learning basics
- Deep learning
- Healthcare data types, databases and software
- Modern clinical trial design
- Applications across clinical research

STAGE E · INDUSTRY READINESS

MODULE 19

Placement Mastery

- Resume building
- Communication skills, aptitude and soft skills
- Corporate etiquette
- Interview preparation
- Four mock interviews

MODULE 20

Industry-Based Case Studies

- Real trial scenarios worked end to end
- Protocol deviations and how teams resolved them
- Audit findings and corrective actions
- Safety escalations from the practitioner's seat

MODULE 21

Capstone Project

- An individual project across a chosen domain
- Supervised by a practising faculty mentor
- Written deliverable plus presentation
- Becomes your interview portfolio piece

FIG. 1 Five tracks stay open to every graduate. Specialised three-month courses commit you to one branch on day one; the diploma keeps all five live until Stage E, when you choose with hands-on experience of each.

WHY IT ENDS THIS WAY

You leave with evidence, not just a certificate.

Entry-level interviews are won by candidates who can talk through work they have actually done. The final stage exists so you have something concrete to walk an interviewer through — a case study you reasoned about, and a capstone project with your name on it.

ASSESSMENT

Tested as you go.

Written assessments follow each stage rather than arriving all at once at the end, so gaps surface while there is still time to close them. The capstone project and its presentation form the final evaluation before the diploma is awarded.

CAREER OUTCOMES

Roles graduates step into.

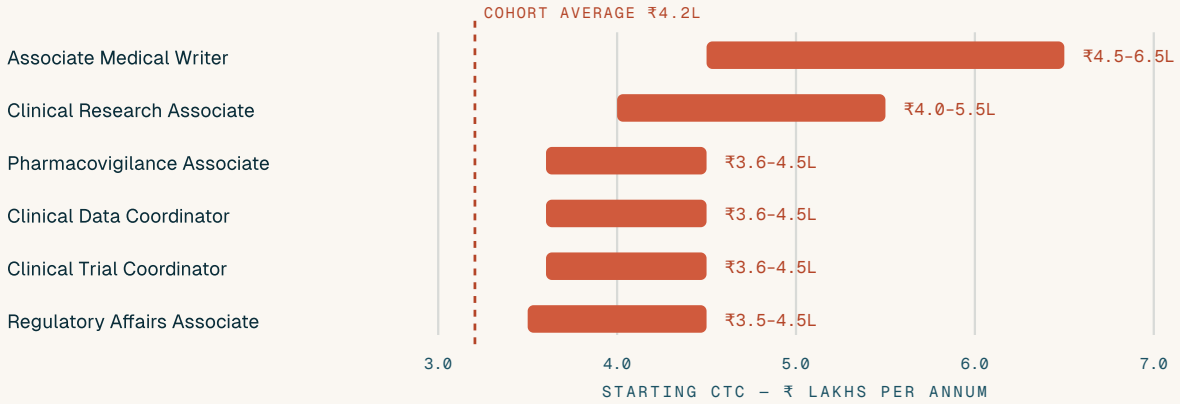


FIG. 2 Indicative fresher ranges in the Pune market, not a guarantee of offer. Medical writing pays highest at entry but has the narrowest intake; pharmacovigilance carries the highest hiring volume, which is why it is the most common first role.

FEES

The whole cost, stated up front.

Programme fee	₹65,000
GST @ 18%	₹11,700
Total payable	₹76,700

Covers all course material across every module, hands-on platform access, and placement preparation.

- EMI available; most students take a 2- or 3-instalment plan across the six months
- No separate examination or certification charge
- No placement-support fee
- No application fee
- Early-batch discounts apply

PLACEMENT RECORD

Where it leads.

95% PLACED WITHIN 4 MONTHS	60% OFFERS ACROSS 2+ ROLE TYPES
213+ ALUMNI ACROSS PHARMA & CRO	50+ PHARMA & CRO HIRING PARTNERS

PLATFORMS

Argus and ARISg for safety, Medidata Rave for EDC, Veeva Vault CTMS, and eCTD tools. Online students get independent remote access to the same environments.

WHERE YOU'LL WORK

Our campus sits inside Pune's clinical research cluster — CROs including Syngene, Veeda, Lambda Therapeutic, IQVIA, ICON and Parexel, alongside sponsors Cipla, Sun Pharma, Lupin, Glenmark and Emcure. Placement support extends to Mumbai, Bangalore and Hyderabad.

ADMISSIONS

Apply for the *next intake*.

The PG Diploma runs twice a year, in January and July, with the cohort capped at thirty. Seats are confirmed in order of application, and early applicants get first call on placement preparation and hiring-partner introductions.

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