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ADVERTISEMENT*Call for Applications and Nominations for the post of Director, CMI*

The Chennai Mathematical Institute (CMI) is a centre of excellence for research and teaching in the Mathematical Sciences. The research focus so far has been on certain core areas of Mathematics, Computer Science and Theoretical Physics. CMI was founded in 1989 as part of the SPIC Science foundation, and has been an autonomous institution since 1996. Since December 2006, CMI has been recognised as a university (under Section 3 of the UGC Act 1956), and it now awards BSc, MSc and PhD degrees.

CMI is a rare example of public-private partnership in research and education in India. The Institute receives major funding from the Government of India as well as substantial financial support from private entities. In addition to a vibrant PhD programme, the Institute conducts BSc programmes in Mathematics and Computer Science as well as Mathematics and Physics, along with MSc programmes in Mathematics, Computer Science and Data Science. At CMI we believe that excellence in research and teaching go together: faculty who do research and also teach can get students involved in the process of scientific discovery and instil the joy of doing science in bright young minds.

The Institute invites applications from eminent academics/researchers with significant scientific achievements in Mathematics, Computer Science or Theoretical Physics, as well as experience in academic administration at a departmental or institutional level, for the position of Director. We also solicit nominations from senior academics of colleagues whom they believe can fill this role. The Director will have overall academic and administrative control of the Institute, and will play a pivotal role in raising the resources needed to achieve the goals of the Institute.

The appointment is for a fixed period of 5 years, starting 1 May, 2026. The compensation package will be generous and in line with the norm at other similar institutions.

A Committee has been appointed to take charge of the search. The same Committee will consider applications and nominations received in response to this Call.

The candidate should have a PhD in Mathematics, Computer Science or Theoretical Physics and be an outstanding researcher with high academic eminence, with at least 15 years experience in a recognized national/international university/research institute/R&D laboratory. In addition, the candidate should have extensive administrative experience. Given the special public-private nature of the Institute, proven ability to interact with the industry and raise funds is highly desirable.

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Application/Nomination process:

Applications/nominations can be sent **by post** to the Registrar, Chennai Mathematical Institute, H1, SIPCOT IT Park, Kelambakkam, Chennai 603103 **or by email** to registrar@cmi.ac.in. The last date for receipt of applications/nominations is **30 September, 2025**.

Required information regarding the applicant/nominee:

1. Name, gender, date of birth, address for correspondence.
2. Educational qualifications and career record.
3. List of publications.
4. Significant contributions to research and teaching.
5. Experience as a leader. Highlight administrative roles, industry interactions and fund raising.
6. Awards and recognition, membership in professional societies.
7. Names of four eminent persons / academics / researchers who will write letters in support.