



**Knowledge Network of
Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar
Under TEQIP-II Initiative (MHRD & Govt. of Gujarat)**

Professional Development & Communication Skills Workshop

Date: 17/10/2016 to 21/10/2016 (5 days)
Time: 9:30 am reporting time on Oct 17
Venue: IIT Gandhinagar, Palaj Campus
Target group: PG & UG Students
Register At: www.iitgn.ac.in/kn
Registration closing date: 10th Oct, 2016

Students experience a major transition in academic context as they move from the undergraduate level to the graduate level. At times, this academic transition can be challenging as the graduate students are not only required to undertake research, they are also expected to have a broad range of 'soft' skills, e.g. assisting faculty in teaching a class, thinking critically to develop their research agenda, orating skills to effectively communicate their research to a wide range of audience, collaborating and networking with members of their profession, scripting their publications so as to situate their research relevant to the society where they want to enter the profession, working with a team, and managing multiple responsibilities while keeping attention to details. Several students don't have a formal training in these soft skills, and graduate programs have limited opportunities and resources to help the students develop this skill set; this leads to a critical soft skills gap.

This workshop is designed to bridge this gap by providing the students a holistic soft-skills training through interactive workshops on life skills, critical thinking, reading, writing, orally presenting research, leading a research ethically, and professional networking. The students will be exposed to these aspects by using a range of pedagogical approaches and best practices developed by the academicians for teaching soft skills. The workshop is expected to not only bring seminal positive impacts in the approach of students towards their research; it would also help them prepare for transition to their careers.
