Placements Report 2020

PLAKSHA TECH LEADERS FELLOWSHIP
Note from Founders

Plaksha is a dream for some of us. It is a dream to reimagine technology education and, in the process, create experiences and programs that nurture graduates who will work on solving some of the toughest challenges of the 21st century. Plaksha Tech Leaders Fellowship (TLF) is our first program and has been created with this spirit of imagination and innovation.

The first edition of the program has been highly successful, notwithstanding the external challenges of 2020. The design and delivery of the program in partnership with top global institutions like UC Berkeley and Purdue makes it a one of its kind of program in India. The experiential learning environment, high quality of coursework and rigor of the program has helped transform each fellow's personal and professional growth.

We are also pleased to report that the founding batch of our Fellows have also got exciting career opportunities on graduation. They have taken on diverse roles in technology companies, in start-ups and in a variety of corporates. We are grateful to our esteemed recruiting partners who opened up coveted roles for the Fellows in these uncertain times, thus reinforcing their faith in Plaksha's mission.

This year has shown us that a world without technology is inconceivable. It has also shown that we will need professionals who will not only be adept at technology but will also have the empathy and leadership ability to take on challenging roles. We believe that Plaksha Tech Leaders will play a greater role in fulfilling the digital transformation requirements of a post-pandemic world. Most of them will also take on leadership positions in times to come and make the world a better place. It is our hope that our graduates will make a difference and create impact wherever they go.
Plaksha’s vision is to reimagine technology education and research to address the grand challenges of India and the world. It is a collective philanthropic effort supported by 60+ top business leaders, entrepreneurs and organizations from across the world.

**Tech Leaders Fellowship**

Tech Leaders Fellowship (TLF), the flagship program of Plaksha, is a postgraduate level 1 year fully residential program, co-delivered in partnership with UC Berkeley. It interweaves the technology core of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning with real world applications and leadership.

The aim of the program is to nurture leaders in technology who design ethical, tech-centric solutions, solve global challenges and who are innovative, entrepreneurial and drive impact.

**Academic partners**

![Berkeley](image1.png)  
![Purdue](image2.png)  
![SRI International](image3.png)

**Unique curriculum with four key pillars**

- **Technology core**
  - Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
  - Tech electives

- **Technical & social context**
  - Design & Systems thinking
  - Grand Challenge courses

- **Real-world experiences**
  - Challenge Lab (12 weeks)
  - Industry capstone (8 weeks - dedicated)

- **Self and leadership**
  - Leadership
  - 1-0-1 mentorship
Plaksha provided me the platform to switch from development consulting to product management- an extremely difficult transition without an MBA. The fellowship by design prepares you to be a more thoughtful, empathetic and inclusive leader which sets apart a great product manager from a good product manager. The faculty and guest lectures are a class apart and studying under them can be a transformative experience in itself, specially if you were initially moulded by the age old traditional education system in India.

Saif Khan
(TLF 2020)
Product Manager,
Paytm Payments Bank
Through a balanced curriculum focusing both on core technology as well as leadership potential, Plaksha Tech Leaders Fellowship has helped me be a confident and conscious Data Scientist, capable of thinking critically and building technological solutions with empathy.

Praveen Sridhar  
(TLF 2020)  
Data Scientist,  
BCG (Tokyo)
For me, TLF, has been a very innovative and unconventional journey. It has put me on the path to self-exploration. The mix of technological and liberal arts courses gave me a unique humanitarian perspective to design and evaluate the technologies of the future. It has played an immense role in refining my outlook towards life, society, and technology, especially in this post-pandemic world.

TLF is not just about learning, it’s about experiencing the best within you!

Shubham Saboo  
(TLF 2020)  
Data Scientist, Arcesium

Undergraduation college

IIT Madras  
IIT Bombay  
IIT Delhi  
IIT Kharagpur  
IIT Gandhinagar  
NSIT  
BITS Pilani  
IIIT Delhi  
IIIT Hyderabad  
Manipal Institute of Technology  
Vellore Institute of Technology  
Punjab Engineering College  
Ashoka University  
NIT Kurukshetra  
University of California, San Diego  
Shiv Nadar University  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Delhi  
BIT Mesra  
Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University  
Delhi Technological University
Placements at a glance

59 Total number of Fellows
14 Fellows who started their own ventures
01 Fellow on short-term projects
41 Fellows who got placed
03 Fellows who opted for Higher Education/Research
28 Number of hiring Companies

Compensation

Average salary (including international offers) INR 20 LPA*
Average salary (domestic offers only) INR 17 LPA

* LPA stands for lakh per annum
Plaksha has an excellent network of faculty, speakers and founders. Leadership bootcamps at TLF helped me groom my personality, overcome my limitations and learn skills like time management and multi-tasking. I got a lot of exposure and opportunities that I have been able to leverage in my career. If you are looking to learn about technical fields, I highly recommend coming to Plaksha.

Karthika Kamath
(TLF 2020)
Imagineer, Fractal Analytics
My journey at Plaksha TLF has been a myriad of endless learnings and opportunities; be it learning professionalism, developing work ethics, imbibing soft skills and forming some lovely bonds for a lifetime. I have witnessed my batchmates’ skills and competence rising to the zenith, thanks to the learner-centric environment crafted here. I am grateful to Plaksha TLF for doing such a splendid job!

Rashmi Nagpal
(TLF 2020)
Silicon Valley Internship Program
Plaksha's experiential learning was a great experience. Instead of rote learning, I got to work on real-world projects under the guidance of industry mentors. Through multiple leadership workshops, I learnt that technology must be combined with leadership skills to drive a positive impact on society. Plaksha also helped me find a data science internship at Apptio, where I was offered a pre-placement. This program helped me accelerate my learning in all aspects.

Neha Gupta  
(TLF 2020)  
Data Scientist, Apptio
Plaksha Entrepreneurs Support Program (PESP)

Plaksha Entrepreneurs Support Program (PESP) provides a conducive environment for TLF graduates working on their startup ideas along with the support of a well-connected community. Launched in August 2020, the program kicked off with four entrepreneurial ventures. Each venture has been matched with 2 mentors from our Founding community. These ventures include:

**StimVeda**
Ramya Yellapragada, Lakshay Sahni
India's first non-invasive brain stimulation company to offer a personalized mental health and well being solution which is safe and cost effective.

**Friday**
Rakesh Varma Siri, Jagrit Surisetti
Creating a new social watching experience with technology by syncing OTT content and prompting post movie conversation to find the right balance between entertainment and addiction.
An EdTech platform to enable educators on the internet to teach efficiently by leveraging technology and design

Kaksha
Bharatdeep Maan, Pranav Suri
An EdTech platform to enable educators on the internet to teach efficiently by leveraging technology and design

Synth
Suneel Matham, Urvin Soneta, Vaibhav Saxena
An AI meeting assistant to promote shorter and effective meetings and better documentation resulting in higher productivity and reduced TAT

“For a liberal arts graduate like me, TLF defined an intersection of social sciences and engineering and helped me find my niche in the exciting new frontier of Artificial Intelligence. The depth and breadth of course work at TLF led to this path of self-discovery and helped me carve a successful future path for myself.

Urvin Soneta
PESP
Co-founder, Synth”
"You are the human element in the technology story and the technology element in the human story - that goes to solve the problems (the world faces)"

Dr. Abhijit Banerjee  
Nobel Laureate  
Co-founder, J-PAL  
Keynote speaker at the convocation of TLF Class of 2020

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