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INSPIRE FELLOWSHIP FOR PURSUING DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Innovation in Scientific Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE), a Scheme of the Government of India, offers standing opportunity for pursuing Doctoral Research at any recognized University or Institute in India through Fellowships at the level same as National Eligibility Test (NET) qualified candidates.

Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) is being implemented by the Department of Science & Technology (DST) to strengthen the National Science and Technology base. INSPIRE Fellowship Scheme of INSPIRE Programme is focused on attraction of student to pursue doctoral degree in basic and applied sciences including engineering, medicine, agriculture, veterinary, pharmacy etc. after either masters' degree in Science/ Applied Science/ Engineering or bachelor/ masters' degree in Medicine.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications are invited from i) INSPIRE Scholars after completion of their post-graduation degree in Science areas and ii) University level First Rank holders in the Post-graduate Degrees in Basic/Applied Sciences/Engineering OR Graduate/Post-graduate Degree in Medicine only at any recognized Indian University or Institute/Statutory Body in India for award of INSPIRE FELLOWSHIP. Now the Fellowship shall be offered only on the basis of availability of fellowships in the current year.

ELIGIBILITY

i) **INSPIRE Scholar** having secured minimum **70%** marks (or CGPA equivalent) in aggregate at M.Sc. or Integrated M.S. / M.Sc.

ii) **1st Rank Holder at University level examination** in each **Post-Graduate (PG) level examinations** in Basic/ Applied Sciences including Engineering, Medicine, Pharmacy, Agricultural sciences and Veterinary Sciences from any recognized University and academic Institutions (Excluding Autonomous Colleges) in India. **1st Rank Holders at the Graduate/Post-graduate Level Examination** in **Medicine only** conducted by a University/ Institution in India are also eligible to apply. 1st Rank should be of obtained in minimum batch size of **10** students in that university level examination with minimum aggregate of **70%** marks (or CGPA equivalent) of the entire course/ program.

However, Students who are i) 1st Rank Holder in College including Autonomous College Examination, ii) obtained degree (s) through Distance Education Mode and iii) 1st Rank Holder in any specialization given at M.Sc. 2nd/ last Year, are not eligible. These students shall only be eligible for admission to pursue **full-time** research, leading to Ph.D. in any Indian University/ National Institute/ National Laboratories in India.

Candidates who are only Indian Citizen and have acquired their eligibility for INSPIRE Fellowship during the Last year (2017) or Current year (2018) are eligible. However, students who are already enjoying Senior Research

Fellowship (SRF) or higher position in any project or **otherwise** need not to apply for this. *__Merely having the eligibility does not guarantee offer of INSPIRE Fellowship__*.

Already provisionally or finally selected students for INSPIRE Fellowship in any previous advertisement, need not to apply again, their application will be rejected.

AMOUNT, NUMBER & DURATION OF FELLOWSHIP

It offers financial support in the form of a Fellowship as per GoI norms   fellowship *(Junior Research Fellowship / Senior Research Fellowship)* and research grant to the candidate. There is a provision of 1000 INSPIRE Fellowships to be offered/given every year to eligible students and each Fellowship is tenable for a **maximum period of five years** or completion of their PhD degree, whichever is earlier. This Fellowship shall not be available to pursue M.Sc. or M. Phil. or M. Tech. course while pursing Integrated M.Sc.-Ph.D./ M. Phil.-Ph.D./ M. Tech.-Ph.D. courses. However, continuation of the Fellowship for once selected candidates is based on satisfactory performance certified by the institution as per stipulated GOI guidelines for such Fellowship.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Selection among the eligible applicants is done in two stages i.e. Level I and Level II.

1. Applicants who have already admitted in to Ph.D. Program in S&T prior to submitting application and selected at both Level I & Level II, will be awarded with Final Offer of the INSPIRE Fellowship.

2. Applicants who have not admitted in to Ph.D. Program in S&T prior to submitting application and selected only in Level I, will be awarded with the Provisional Offer of INSPIRE Fellowship.

The Provisional Offer is made on the basis of scrutiny of application along with required documents (Level I) submitted by the applicant. However, the Final Offer is made on the basis of evaluation of the application in Level II on i) **Academic merit** ii) **Host Institution including Research Supervisor** and iii) the **detailed Research Proposal** by the Expert Panel. In this Evaluation Process applicants needs to secure a minimum qualifying score/cutoff as recommended by the Expert Panel and approved by the competent authority.[For example, minimum cut-off marks were 60 out of 100 to finally offer INSPIRE Fellowship in previous cases]. The cut-off marks may vary on competitive framework of selection process. Also it is important to note that Provisional offer does not guarantee the award of INSPIRE Fellowship.

HOW TO APPLY

Students need to apply through On-line mode only. To apply **Online**, please visit the website: http://www.online-inspire.gov.in and follow the process as prescribed therein. **The Online application submissions will be commenced from 10th September, 2018 and will be available up to 10th October 2018**. __No Print out of Application copy needs to be sent to us__.

The process is completely online; there will be no scope for making any intimation for an incomplete or wrongly filled application. Incomplete or wrongly filled up application or application with lack of essential documents will summarily be rejected. Any legal proceedings in respect to any matter of claim or dispute arising out of this advertisement and / or application can be lodged only in Delhi Courts/ Tribunals/ Forums and Delhi Courts / Tribunal/ Forums only shall have the sole and exclusive jurisdiction to try any case / dispute.

This advertisement and its guidelines are also available at the website: www.inspire-dst.gov.in

*Note: Before filling application form, <u>please scan and save the following documents as separate files</u>. The same needs to be uploaded as required during the '**On-line Application**' process.*

S.No.	Name of the Document		File Type	Maximum Size
1.	Passport size photograph		JPEG	50 KB
2.	Age certificate		PDF	1 MB
3.	<u>Mark sheets of educational qualifications</u> (like 12th, UG & PG Program. PG mark sheet should contain the conversion formula from CGPA to percentage if you obtained absolute CGPA grading. Please note any Degree or provisional mark sheet will not be acceptable. Only authorized mark sheets would be acceptable. Every semester mark sheets need to be provided in one scan upload)		PDF	1 MB
4.	<u>First Rank Certificate for applicants who are not INSPIRE Scholars</u>(Template provided at <u>http://www.online-inspire.gov.in</u>,and at <u>http://www.inspire-dst.gov.in</u>).Improper or incomplete Rank certificate will not be acceptable.		PDF	1 MB
5.	Appointment letter (if employed)		PDF	1 MB
6.	If already enrolled in PhD.	Admission Letter (issued by University Authorities i.e. Registrar, Dean, Director, etc. Only joining as JRF will not be acceptable, in such case you should submit as non Ph.D. scholar)	PDF	1 MB
		Fee Receipt for Ph. D. admission	PDF	1 MB
		CV of the Ph. D. Supervisor	PDF	1 MB
		Endorsement Letter (Template Provide at http://www.online-inspire.gov.in and at http://www.inspire-dst.gov.in)	PDF	1 MB
		Detail write up of research proposal approved by supervisor	PDF	1 MB
7.	If not enrolled in Ph.D.	Three choices of University/Institute and supervisors	To be filled in Text Box	-
		Brief tentative write up of research to be done	To be filled in Text Box	-