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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. One Component of the AORC Scheme in INSPIRE 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 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 65% marks in aggregate at M.Sc. or Integrated M.S./ M.Sc.
- ii) **1st Rank Holder** in each **Post-Graduate (PG) level examinations** in Basic/ Applied Sciences including Engineering Sciences, Medical Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Agricultural sciences and Veterinary Sciences from any recognized University and academic Institutions in India. Similarly, **1st Rank Holders at the 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 60% marks of the entire course/ program.

These students shall also be eligible for admission to pursue **full-time** research, leading to Ph.D. in any Indian University/ National Institute/ National Laboratories in India. 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 MSc 2nd last Year, are not eligible.

Candidates who are only Indian Citizen and have acquired their eligibility for INSPIRE Fellowship in only the last year (2014) or Current year (2015) are eligible. However, students who are already enjoying Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) or higher position in any project need not to apply for this. **Merely having the eligibility does not guarantee of the 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 equivalent to NET/ GATE fellowship (*Junior Research Fellowship / Senior Research Fellowship*) and research grant to the candidate. There is a provision of 1000 Final offers of INSPIRE Fellowships to be given every year to eligible students on first-cum-first basis and each Fellowship is tenable for a **maximum period of five years**, subject to the completion of their PhD degree whichever is earlier. This Fellowship shall not be available at MSc or MPhil or MTech level during pursuing in any such Integrated MSc-PhD/ MPhil-PhD/ MTech-PhD 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

The Provisional selection shall be made on the basis of academic merit, Supervisor, Choice of Host Institution, and tentative area/topic of Research of the candidate after evaluation by Expert committee, subject to the scrutiny of PhD admission and detailed research proposal at the time of Final Offer.

The Final selection for INSPIRE Fellowship shall be on the basis of academic merit of the candidate, confirmed PhD admission, Supervisor, Host Institution and the detailed Research Proposal after evaluation by Expert committee.

HOW TO APPLY

Students need to apply through On-line mode only. To apply **On-line**, please visit the website: <http://www.online-inspire.gov.in> and follow the process as prescribed therein (Guidelines for Filling up). **The On-line application submissions will be commenced on 10th August 2015 and will be available up to 10th September 2015. No Print out of Application copy needs to be sent to us.**

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, and www.dst.gov.in.

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

Sl. No.	Name of the Document	File Type	Maximum Size	
1.	Passport size photograph	JPEG	50 KB	
2.	Age certificate	PDF	1 MB	
3.	Mark sheets of educational qualifications (like 12 th , 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.	First Rank Certificate for applicants who are not INSPIRE Scholars (Template provided at http://www.online-inspire.gov.in , or at http://www.inspire-dst.gov.in). 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 (Only joining as JRF will not be acceptable, in that case you submit as non phd scholar)	PDF	1 MB
		Fee Receipt	PDF	1 MB
		Endorsement Letter (Template Provide at http://www.online-inspire.gov.in or at http://www.inspire-dst.gov.in)	PDF	1 MB
		Detail Write up of research to be done	To be filled in Text Box	-
7.	If not enrolled in PhD	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	-