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**10th Advertisement
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 (or CGPA equivalent) 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 65% marks (or CGPA equivalent) 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 (2016) or Current year (2017) are eligible. However, students who are already enjoying Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) or higher position in any project need not to apply for this. Eligible Students who applied previous year and applications is rejected after evaluation process need not to apply against this announcement call. Such applications shall also be rejected if applied now. **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

Equivalent to NET/ GATE fellowship (*Junior Research Fellowship / Senior Research Fellowship*) and research grant to the candidate. There is a provision of total 1000 Final offers of INSPIRE Fellowships to be 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 during pursuing in any such 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 followed by offering of INSPIRE Fellowship to eligible student is done in two stages i.e. i). Provisional Offer to those who did not have admission in to Ph.D. course during application stage and ii). Final Offer to those who have admitted in to Ph.D. prior to submitting application.

The Provisional Offer is made on the basis of scrutiny of application along with required documents submitted by the applicant. However, the Final Offer is made on the basis of evaluation of the application on i). Academic merit, ii). Host Institution including Host Department and Research Supervisor and iii). The detailed Research Proposal by the Expert Panel. In this Evaluation Process applicants needs to secure a minimum total cut-off mark on the above three aspects [for example, minimum cut-off marks were 60 out of 100 to finally offer INSPIRE Fellowship in previous cases]. The cut-off marks may be vary on competitive framework of selection process.

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 28th August 2017 and will be available up to 30th September 2017. 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

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 | |
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| 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 , and 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 Ph.D. | 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 to be done approved by supervisor | PDF | 1 MB |
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