

**DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
INSPIRE PROGRAMME DIVISION**

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**Guidelines for upgradation from JRF to SRF:**

- a. The Fellow will always enter as `Junior Research Fellow (JRF)`.
- b. The assessment for upgradation from JRF to SRF shall be carried out by the Host Institute/ University as per the process given below and, upon assessment, effective date for up-gradation of INSPIRE Fellows from Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) to Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) will be as follow:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Residency period as INSPIRE Fellow (JRF)</b>	<b>Date of Assessment after the completion of residency period</b>	<b>Uploading of Assessment report on Online INSPIRE web-portal</b>	<b>Effective date of SRF</b>
1	1 Year (on publication of at least one paper (as 1 <sup>st</sup> Author) in any peer-reviewed SCI-indexed journal within one year from the work carried out from Ph.D. at the Host Institute)	within 4 months	within 2 months	The working day following the completion of 1 year as JRF
		> 4 months	within 2 months	The working day following the Assessment day on uploading the assessment report within 2 months or otherwise date of upload beyond 2 months.
2	2 Years	within 4 months	within 2 months	The working day following the completion of 2 years as JRF
		> 4 months	within 2 months	The working day following the Assessment day on uploading the assessment report within 2 months or otherwise date of upload beyond 2 months.
3	> 2 Years			The working day following the Assessment day on uploading the assessment report within 2 months or otherwise date of upload beyond 2 months.

- c. For up-gradation of Fellowship, a three (3)- member Assessment Committee shall be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor/Director/Head of the Host Institute to assess the progress of the concerned INSPIRE Fellow.
- d. The Assessment Committee shall include the Research Supervisor of the concerned INSPIRE Fellow and one Faculty from the Host Institution as a Members and a DST-nominated expert who will act as the Chairperson.
- e. The host institute need not approach DST for the name of the DST-nominated expert who will be the chairperson of the Assessment Committee. The Host institute may choose one Fellow of any of the following four National Academies as the DST-nominated Expert and the Chairperson of the Assessment Committee subject to i) his/her being in the concerned area of research, ii) his/her being from an institution other than the Host Institution; iii) his/her being not related to the INSPIRE Fellow and/or his/her Research Supervisor; and iv) Research Supervisor of the INSPIRE Fellow not having been his/her research student:
  - o Indian National Science Academy (INSA), New Delhi
  - o Indian Academy of Sciences (IAS), Bengaluru
  - o National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI), Prayagraj, and
  - o Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE), Gurugran
- f. The expenditure related to such assessment shall not be borne by DST.

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