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6<sup>th</sup> 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 or bachelor/ masters' degree in engineering/ applied sciences.

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

Applications are invited from i) **INSPIRE Scholars** after completion of their post-graduation degree and ii) University level **First Rank holders** in the **Post-graduate Degrees in Basic/Applied Sciences OR Graduate Degrees in Professional courses** at any recognized Indian University or Institute/ Statutory Body in India for award of INSPIRE FELLOWSHIP.

**ELIGIBILITY**

- i) **INSPIRE Scholar** having secured minimum 65% marks in aggregate at M.Sc. or Integrated M.S./ M.Sc.
- ii) **1<sup>st</sup> 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, **1<sup>st</sup> Rank Holders at the Graduate Level Examination in Engineering Sciences** and other **Professional courses** conducted by a University/ Institution in India are also eligible to apply.

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) 1<sup>st</sup> Rank Holder in College including Autonomous College Examination, ii) obtained degree (s) through Distance Education Mode and iii) 1<sup>st</sup> Rank Holder in any specialization at MSc 2<sup>nd</sup> last Year, are not eligible.

**Candidates who are only Indian Citizen and have acquired their required qualifications necessary for admission to the PhD program only during the last year or Current year are eligible.** However, students who are already enjoying Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) or higher position in any project need not to apply for this.

## 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 INSPIRE Fellowships every year to offer fellowships to eligible students 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

Selection for INSPIRE Fellowship shall be purely on the basis of academic merit of the candidate, choice of the Supervisor, Host Institutions and the Research Proposal.

## HOW TO APPLY

Students need to apply in 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 have already been commenced on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and will be available through-out the year or till completion to offer 1000 Fellowship, whichever is earlier.** After On-line submission of application, the Applicant must obtain a print-out of application submitted. The print-out of **On-line application** along with all up-loaded documents must be sent **by post** to **Head, INSPIRE & FIST Division, Department of Science & Technology, Technology Bhavan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi – 110 016.**

*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.*

Please mention “**Application for INSPIRE Fellowship – (Subject Code)**” on top of the Envelope. This advertisement is also available at the website: [www.inspire-dst.gov.in](http://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
1.	Passport size photograph	JPEG	50 KB
2.	Xth Class certificate	PDF	1 MB
3.	Mark sheets for provided educational qualifications (12 <sup>th</sup> Std., UG & PG Program)	PDF	1 MB
4.	First Rank Certificate for applicants who are not INSPIRE Scholars (Template provided at <a href="http://www.online-inspire.gov.in">http://www.online-inspire.gov.in</a> , or at <a href="http://www.inspire-dst.gov.in">http://www.inspire-dst.gov.in</a> )	PDF	1 MB
5.	Appointment letter ( if employed)	PDF	1 MB
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		Fee Receipt	PDF
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