

INSPIRE Scholarship

INSPIRE Scholarship for Higher Education (SHE) is a scholarship program implemented by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. It is a scholarship scheme that comes under Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE), a flagship program of DST. Meant for meritorious students undertaking bachelors and master's courses in Natural and Basic Sciences, INSPIRE Scholarship offers 10,000 scholarships every year. Under SHE, each selected candidate receives INR 80,000 annually for pursuing any subject of Natural or Basic Sciences.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the INSPIRE (SHE) Scholarship Scheme, the candidate should be pursuing courses in Natural and Basic Sciences at the BSc, BS, and integrated MSc/ MS levels. The detailed eligibility criteria are as follows:

- The candidate should be 17-22 years old.
- The candidate should be amongst the top 1% in the 12th-grade examination.
- The candidates who are amongst the top 10,000 rank holders in JEE and have opted for Natural and Basic Sciences are eligible.
- The candidates admitted into Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISER), National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER), Department of Atomic Energy Centre for Basic Sciences (DAE-CBS) at the University of Mumbai and are pursuing courses in Natural/ Basic Sciences are eligible.
- The candidates who are KVPY (Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojna), National Talent Search Examination (NTSE), Olympiad Medalists and Jagadish Bose National Science Talent Search (JBNSTS) scholar and are pursuing courses in Natural/ Basic Sciences are eligible.

INSPIRE has three components:

- Scheme for Early Attraction of Talent (SEATS)
- Scholarship for Higher Education (SHE)
- Assured Opportunity for Research Careers (AORC)

Rewards and Benefits:

Under the scholarship scheme, the total award for the scholarship is segmented into two parts, one as an annual scholarship and one for a summer project grant. Thus selected candidates can utilize the scholarship reward as their requirement. Further details are as mentioned:

- INR 80,000 will be given to the selected students.
- An annual scholarship of INR 60,000 will be provided at INR 5000 per month.
- The selected candidates will also receive INR 20,000 for undertaking a mandatory summer research project.