

Women Scientist Scheme-A

Details (Women Scientist Scheme-A)

■ This scheme will provide a research grant for a well-defined project proposal for a period of maximum three years. ■ The scheme plays pivotal role in gender mainstreaming as it not only prevents brain drain from S&T system but also train and retain women in the system. The scheme initially offers opportunity to work as bench-level scientists and ultimately open new avenues for permanent position in Science & Technology.

Objectives (Women Scientist Scheme-A)

- A Research Grant by MoST for female candidates to pursue research in frontier areas of science and engineering, preferably those having a break in career (minimum two years) and not having regular employment, to explore possibility of re entry into the profession. ■ This scheme will provide a research grant for a well defined project proposal for a period of maximum three years. This grant will cover the fellowship of the applicant and cost of small equipments, contingencies, travel, consumables, etc. Institutional overhead charges will be extra. ■ The support is available in 5 disciplines under WOS
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Important Features (Women Scientist Scheme-A)

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Benefits (Women Scientist Scheme-A)

- Rs 55,000/
- pm (and HRA as applicable) for Ph.D. or equivalent (total project cost not exceeding Rs.30 lakh) Rs 40,000/
- pm (and HRA as applicable) for M.Phil./MTech or equivalent (total project cost not exceeding Rs.25 lakh) Rs 31,000/
- pm (and HRA as applicable) for M.Sc. or equivalent (total project cost not exceeding Rs.20 lakh) ■ This grant will cover the fellowship of the applicant and cost of small equipments, contingencies, travel, consumables, etc. The benefits are provided for a period of maximum three years. The payment of the scholarship will be through DBT.

Eligibility (Women Scientist Scheme-A)

- The applicant must be a FEMALE. The applicant must either be unemployed or in a position other than regular/permanent position. The age of the applicant must be between 27 and 57 years (5 year relaxation for SC/ST/OBC and physically challenged candidates) The applicant must hold either of the following Minimum essential qualification
- Minimum Post Graduate degree, equivalent to M.Sc. in Basic or Applied Sciences or B.Tech. or MBBS or other equivalent professional qualifications. M.Phil/M.Tech/M.Pharm/M.VSc or equivalent qualifications. Ph.D. in Basic or Applied Sciences.

Application Process (Women Scientist Scheme-A)

- Step 1: Register at the online portal <https://online-wosa.gov.in/wosa/> using your active email ID.
- An auto generated mail will be received with ID and link to create password.
- ■ Step 2: After logging in to the WOS-A portal, fill and submit full Project Proposal under WOS-A.
- Project Proposal Document (PPD) includes online submission and uploading the required documents in the said formats.
- ■ Step 3: Before submission preview your full proposal to make sure that everything is correct and in order.

- You will not be allowed to edit the contents after submission.
- ■ Step 4: You need to click on "Final Submit" button for final submission of proposal.
- Your proposal will remain save with your login ID and it may be saved in system and also can be printed.
- ■ There is no need to submit hard copy of proposal to DST.

Documents Required (Women Scientist Scheme-A)

- Project Proposal Document (Refer source for Format) Biodata of PI (Signed) (Refer source for Format) Mentor's Biodata (Signed) Caste Certificate (If SC/ST/OBC/PH) DOB certificate (10th class passed only) Photograph of PI Signature of PI Highest Degree House Rent Allowance (if Eligible) (Refer source for Format) ■ Sources: ■ <https://online-wosa.gov.in/wosa/instructions> ■ ■ <https://online-wosa.gov.in/wosa/formats> ■

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