

Prime Minister's Fellowship for Doctoral Research

Details (Prime Minister's Fellowship for Doctoral Research)

Prime Minister's Fellowship for Doctoral Research scheme is a prestigious initiative of the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Department of Science & Technology, Government of India towards the advancement of university research engagements in line with industry requirements. This scheme is aimed at encouraging young, talented, enthusiastic, and result-oriented scholars to take up industry-relevant research by partnering with institutions of academic excellence. Under this scheme, there are 100 slots of fellowships available annually to researchers to pursue PhD in reputed technology and research institutions in India. The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) on behalf of SERB implements the scheme. Aim: To encourage and inspire promising young Indian Ph.D. Duration of Fellowship: • As per the provisions of the scheme, the scholarship is given for a maximum period of four years.

Objectives (Prime Minister's Fellowship for Doctoral Research)

- This scheme is aimed at encouraging young, talented, enthusiastic, and result oriented scholars to take up industry relevant research by partnering with institutions of academic excellence. Aim: To encourage and inspire promising young Indian Ph.D.

Important Features (Prime Minister's Fellowship for Doctoral Research)

- Key Features of the Fellowship: In addition to the attractive scholarship, the Prime Minister's Fellowship emphasizes providing a unique and invigorating experience to selected fellows.

Benefits (Prime Minister's Fellowship for Doctoral Research)

- Under this scheme, full time PhD scholars get double the JRF/SRF fellowship amount, as a scholarship. The scheme has the provision to award up to 100 new scholarships every year. One half of this scholarship comes from the government
- the second half comes from a partner company that also works closely with the candidate on the research project.

Eligibility (Prime Minister's Fellowship for Doctoral Research)

- The applicant should be Indian. The applicant should be a full time PhD scholar in any recognized Indian university/institute/research laboratory. The scholar's PhD registration date should not be more than 14 months from the date of submission of application i.e. the applicant should apply within 14 months of PhD admission/registration whichever date is earlier. The applicant should have a valid industry partner who should be ready to support the research project financially as well as provide guidance and mentorship. The mutually agreed topic of research, between the applicant and the supporting company, should be innovative, have practical relevance, and have industrial application. The selected applicant should be willing to work with/in the supporting company as and when required during the project period. The applicant should not draw any other fellowship after the selection.

Application Process (Prime Minister's Fellowship for Doctoral Research)

- Application Procedure: Step 01: Register as a student on the portal or www.primeministerfellowshipscheme.in or www.serbficci-iirrada.in. Step 02: The application form should be prepared according to the guidelines and submitted online through the website as mentioned below:- ■ www.primeministerfellowshipscheme.in (CII coordinating industry chambers) or ■ www.serbficci-iirrada.in (FICCI coordinating industry chambers) Step 03: Download the Call for Proposal and Document Checklist. Step 04: Tie up with a company and get the required undertakings signed by a valid signatory in the company as well as in the host institute. Step 05: Collect all documents and make digital copies of each. Step 06: Fill out the application form online (the form

cannot be downloaded and requires net connectivity while filling). Step 07: Submit application. Note: Do not send any physical copy of the application/documents to CII / FICCI. Selection Parameters: The projects should be innovative and of high scientific merit

- with discrete R&D; as opposed to exploratory investigation. The proposed research project should have a high commercialization potential. The applicant, the academic guide, and the industry mentor should have a strong track record.

Documents Required (Prime Minister's Fellowship for Doctoral Research)

- Recent Passport Size Picture PhD Enrolment & Registration Certificate 10th
- 12th
- Graduation & Post-Graduation Certificate Scan Other Degree / Diploma Certificates (if applicable)
- Profile of the host institute Bio-data of PhD Supervisor
- not exceeding 3 pages Profile of Partner Company with Logo Bio-data of Industry Mentor
- not exceeding 3 pages Undertaking from the Research Supervisor and Head of the Organization of the Institute / University Undertaking from the Industry Partner in the Research Project Letter from the Industry Partner (on the company's letterhead) on the research problem and the future plans for implementation
- if any Publications Research Synopsis Any other document
- as required

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