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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. The intent was to leverage research with the industry's innovative capacity by providing access to know-how and facilities. These are critical in advancing expertise and technologies leading to tangible economic outcomes like patents, licenses, non-patented and non-licensed new products, and processes. 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 first batch of fellowships commenced in 2013. 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. researchers to pursue industry-relevant research in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture, and medicine.To build industry-academia partnerships for advancing R&D.To boost research on industrially relevant subject areas.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. It ensures the best national and international exposure for them and provides mentoring through industry and academic experts through the mechanism of annual review meetings. In addition, periodic mentorship sessions are also organized with the help of expert external agencies.Duration of Fellowship:• As per the provisions of the scheme, the scholarship is given for a maximum period of four years.BenefitsUnder 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.EligibilityThe 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 ProcessOnlineApplication 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:-ï»¿www.primeministerfellowshipscheme.in (CII coordinating industry chambers) orï»¿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 RequiredRecent Passport Size PicturePhD Enrolment & Registration Certificate10th, 12th, Graduation & Post-Graduation CertificateScan Other Degree / Diploma Certificates (if applicable)Profile of the host instituteBio-data of PhD Supervisor, not exceeding 3 pagesProfile of Partner Company with LogoBio-data of Industry Mentor, not exceeding 3 pagesUndertaking from the Research Supervisor and Head of the Organization of the Institute / UniversityUndertaking from the Industry Partner in the Research ProjectLetter from the Industry Partner (on the company's letterhead) on the research problem and the future plans for implementation, if anyPublicationsResearch SynopsisAny other document, as requiredFrequently Asked QuestionsWhat is the "Prime Minister's Fellowship for Doctoral Research"?Prime Minister's Fellowship for Doctoral Research scheme is a prestigious initiative of Science and Engineering Research Board, Department of Science & Technology, Government of India towards the advancement of university research engagements in line with industry requirement. The scheme encourages full time PhD scholars to pursue research in "focus areas" identified by industries as well as of national priorities.What is the aim of this scheme?The aim of the scheme is to encourage and inspire promising young Indian Ph.D. researchers to pursue industry relevant research in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture & Medicine, build industry academia partnership for advancing R&D and boost research on industrially relevant subject areas.What are the Key Features of the Fellowship?In addition to attractive scholarship, the Prime Minister's Fellowship emphasizes providing a unique and invigorating experience to selected fellows. It ensures the best national and international exposure for them and provides mentoring through industry and academic experts through the mechanism of annual review meetings. 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The applicant, the academic guide, and the industry mentor should have a strong track record.How can an applicant apply for this fellowship?The applicant can apply for this fellowship through the website www.primeministerfellowshipscheme.in.How does the online application work?Candidates need to refer to Annexure I in the Call for Proposal document which is available on the home page of the portal www.primeministerfellowshipscheme.in. All the required documents and details needed to be given should be collected before filling the online application.What is the timeline till which the

application can be submitted? Will an additional hard copy, stamped / signed of the application required to be sent to CII?The scheme is open-ended and the scholars can apply anytime during the year subject to the condition that the doctoral fellow should be admitted to a full-time PhD in the last 14 months from the date of submission of application in any recognized Indian university/institute/research laboratory. In case of a different admission/enrollment and registration date, the first date of admission in full-time PhD will be considered. In case of any dispute regarding the submission date, the decision of the Apex Council will be considered as final. No hard copies of any kind need to be sent to CII; only soft copies are required to be uploaded as indicated in the form.Can I apply if I do not have an industry partner? Will CII help in finding one?Applications without industry partners will not be accepted by the online system. Candidates have to find industry partners on their own. CII facilitates match-making between research scholars and industry through the portal www.primeministerfellowshipscheme.in. All those who want to search for industry partners are requested to register themselves on this portal. Registration on this portal, however, will not guarantee that the candidate will find an industry partner. The relevance of their project for industry and the extent to which the candidate is able to convey their capability to the industry will determine whether they will find industry partners or not. The interested companies can evaluate the profile and contact the applicants if they find the proposal relevant.How can I find relevant industry partners?Candidates should talk to their research guides at the institute and find out about the relevant companies in that field. They can do their own research in and around them to find out the right companies and approach them. Candidates should also keep themselves abreast with the latest technologies, trends and companies working in their field. They should try to interact with industry people in their field as frequently as possible to trigger idea thrashing about a particular project.If an applicant submits the form, can it be submitted again?Candidates can review and re-review their forms any number of times before uploading them finally. Once uploaded, however, the form cannot be submitted again.If I apply this year and am not able to get the scholarship this time, will I be allowed to apply next year?Yes, you can apply as a fresh candidate with updated information, provided you satisfy all the eligibility conditions.Will applicants get automated response to submission? Will somebody call from CII to confirm the receipt of application?Applicants will get an automatic response at the submission of applications. They will not receive any calls from CII. In case you do not receive a system generated email regarding the submission of their application within 24 hours, the applicant must contact CII at pm.scheme@cii.in Which are the institutes where PM Fellows are doing their research?Following are some of the institutes where PM Fellows are pursuing their PhD: Acharya Nagarjuna University, Academy of Scientific & Innovative Research, Alagappa University, Amity University, Anna University, Banaras Hindu University, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University, Institute of Chemical Technology, Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Indian Institute of Science, Indian Institutes of Technology, IIT Bombay - Monash University Research Academy, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Manipal University, National Chemical Laboratory, National Institutes of Technology, PSG College, Punjab Agricultural University, Saurashtra University, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Tata Memorial Hospital, Thiagarajar College of Engineering and Kurukshetra University.Sources And ReferencesOfficial WebsiteSERB-FICCI WebsiteSERB-CII WebsiteScheme DetailsOkWas this helpful?News and UpdatesNo new news and updates availableShareSomething went wrong. 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