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**Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research
(INSPIRE)
INSPIRE Faculty Fellowship
(A component under INSPIRE)
Call for Applications under INSPIRE Faculty Fellowship -
(2022)**

Under “**Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE)**” scheme of Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, opportunities are provided to meritorious young Indian students to study basic and natural sciences at the college and university level and to pursue research careers in both basic and applied science areas including engineering, medicine, agriculture and veterinary sciences.

INSPIRE includes multiple components out of which the **INSPIRE Faculty Fellowship component** offers post-doctoral fellowships to young achievers with Ph.D. qualification in the age group of 27-32 years for 5 years to carry out post-doctoral research in both basic and applied science areas including engineering, medicine, agriculture and veterinary sciences.

Applications are invited for the **year 2022**, from eligible candidates under INSPIRE Faculty Fellowship component of INSPIRE scheme of DST through the web-portal <https://www.online-inspire.gov.in>

A) Eligibility:

i) Essential:

- Indian citizens and People of Indian origin with PIO status having Ph.D. degree (in science, mathematics, engineering, pharmacy, medicine and agriculture related subjects) from any recognized university in the world.

- Candidates should possess a minimum of 60% (or equivalent CGPA) marks throughout their academic profile starting from the Senior Secondary Examination (Class 12 onwards).
- Those who have submitted their Ph.D. theses and are awaiting the award of degree shall also be eligible. However, selection for the Fellowship will be confirmed only after the Ph.D. degree is awarded.
- The upper age limit as on 1st Jan 2022 is 32 years for General Category. However, for SC/ST/Women candidates, the upper age limit will be 37 years on the said date. For persons with benchmark disabilities (Divyangjan with not less than 40 percent of a specified disability), the upper age limit will be 42 years.
- Publication(s) in highly reputed journals demonstrating outstanding research potential of the candidate.
- Candidates who are employed in regular/contractual positions within India may also apply for INSPIRE Faculty Fellowship for improvement and enhancement in their career prospects but, upon selection, the candidates will need to resign (no lien or deputation or any type of leave would be accepted) from the current job and organization before taking up the INSPIRE Faculty Fellowship. The candidates, who get selected for regular position in any institute/university after submission of IFF application, would be entitled to receive the Research Grant only as INSPIRE Faculty Fellows.

ii) Desirable:

Candidates who are within top 1% in Class 12 examination, IIT-JEE rank holders, 1st rank holders either in graduation or post-graduation level university examinations.

Fellowship:

Each selected INSPIRE Faculty Fellow will be eligible to receive a consolidated amount of Rs.1,25,000/- per month as fellowship with annual increment of Rs.2,000/-. In addition, a Research Grant of Rs.7.0 lakh every year for 5 years will also be provided to each successful candidate. The consolidated amount of Rs.1,25,000 per month is an all-inclusive fellowship and taxable as per the Indian IT Act.

The INSPIRE Faculty Fellowship is for a maximum period of 5(five) years. No Fellow should avail two fellowships concurrently during the tenure of this Fellowship period.

How to apply:

Interested and eligible students must apply and submit their application with all essential documents through ONLINE mode only. Applications are to be submitted online on INSPIRE web-portal <https://www.online-inspire.gov.in>. Those interested in submitting application have to register at this portal and submit the application online. Please read guidelines available on the

portal carefully before submitting the application. This web- portal will be open from 1st July 2022 to 15th August 2022 (till 23:59 hrs. IST) for submission of applications. For further enquiries regarding INSPIRE-Faculty Fellowship component, please send email to: inspire.prog-dst@nic.in For queries, please call us on 0124-6690020, 0124- 6690021.

Documents Required along with Application:

Before filling application form, please scan and save the following documents as separate files. The same need to be uploaded as required during the ‘On-line Application’ process.

S. No.	Name of Document	File Type	Maximum Size
1.	Passport size photograph (<i>Mandatory</i>)	JPEG	50 KB
2.	Class X Mark Sheet or Certificate, for proof of Date of Birth. (<i>Mandatory</i>)	PDF	1 MB
3.	Mark sheets of educational qualifications (like 12 th , UG & PG Program). (<i>Mandatory</i>)	PDF	1 MB
4.	Ph.D. degree certificate. (Marksheet/certificate of XII, B.Sc, M.Sc and Ph.D degree certificate need to be uploaded along with publications as a single PDF)	PDF	1 MB
4	Community/Caste Certificate (only if the applicant belongs to SC/ST)	PDF	1 MB
5	Proof of disability (for persons with bench mark disability only) Proof of disability need to be uploaded along with DOB as a single PDF	PDF	1 MB
6	Appointment letter (if employed)	PDF	1 MB
7	Details of Professional Recognitions, Awards and Fellowships received		
8	Proposed area of research and brief outline of proposal (Maximum allowed word count: 2500) under following sub-sections: Origin of the proposal, objectives, brief outline of methodology to be adopted, significance of the proposal in the context of current status in the field, prospects of this work for extending it as a long-term project beyond the tenure of the “INSPIRE Faculty Fellowship” position		Please keep these documents with appropriate word limit before filling the online application.
9	Details of Professional Training and Research Experience, specifying period (Maximum allowed word count: 2000)		
10	Details of work done so far and significance of the scientific contribution. (Maximum allowed word count: 1000)		
11	List of publications in three categories viz. Published, accepted for publication and Submitted. (Publication details should contain Authors Name, Title of the paper, Journal Name, Volume, Year, Page Numbers and Impact Factor)		

Last Date of Application Submission: **15th August 2022.**

Instructions for filling Online Application:

Applications must be submitted through online mode only. Application will not be accepted in any other mode except online mode. To apply Online, please visit the website: <https://www.online-inspire.gov.in> and follow the process prescribed therein.

Online application submission process shall start on 1st July 2022 and will be available up to 15th August 2022 (till 23:59 hrs. IST). Please click the link below to download guidelines for filling up on-line applications: <https://online-inspire.gov.in>.

Applicants are advised to take a print out of submitted online application for own records. Please do not send application or any other documents by Post.

Incomplete or wrongly filled up application or application lacking essential documents shall be summarily rejected.

Applicant's own valid and functional email address must be used for submission of online application. Status of application shall be informed only through INSPIRE Web-Portal. Applicant needs to login into own (registered) account to view the status.

Do not submit more than one application. Please ensure that all aspects of application are correct before submitting.

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. Delhi Courts/Tribunal/Forums only shall have the sole and exclusive jurisdiction to try any case/dispute.
