

**LIST OF CANDIDATES PROVISIONALLY RECOMMENDED TO RECEIVE  
The PRIME MINISTER'S FELLOWSHIP FOR DOCTORAL RESEARCH  
(A PPP initiative jointly promoted SERB & FICCI)**

**Meeting Conducted on July 2022**

<b>SL No.</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Partner Company</b>	<b>Host Institute</b>
1	Mr Ritujoy Biswas	Ogive Technology	Indian Institute of Technology Jammu
2	Mr Jaideep Singh Bhardwaj	Orthotech India Private Limited	Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati
3	Ms. Tanisha Gupta	STMicronics Pvt Ltd	IIT Delhi
4	Ms. Aditi g Muddebhalkar	UNILEVER INDUSTRIES PVT LTD	IIT Madras
5	Ms. Deepika	THINQ Pharma	Institute of Chemical Technology Mumbai,
6	Ms. Riya Bansal	Crop Chemicals India Limited	Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana
7	Mr Rishad M Shiraz	Gennova Biopharmaceuticals Ltd	Indian Institute of Science
8	Mr. Keerthi V Thalakkal	Structural Specialities & Projects (I) Pvt. Ltd.	IIT Madras
9	Ms. SREELAKSHMI SRINIVASAN	Usha Martin Limited	IIT Madras
10	Ms. Ruchita Shashikant Salvi	Noble Geo Structs	Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay

Above candidates have been provisionally recommended to receive The Prime Minister's Fellowship Scheme for Doctoral Research, as per the meeting of the Apex Council held on 15 July 2022. Their final selection will be subject to fulfillment of the Terms and Conditions appended below.

## **Terms and Conditions**

### **Eligibility**

- ☑ Candidates should be enrolled in full-time PhD course, for not more than 14 months from the date of application, in Science / Technology / Engineering / Agriculture / Medicine stream in any recognized Indian university or institute or research laboratory in India.
  - They should also have identified an industry partner who is willing to support their research with scholarship amount equivalent to that being provided by SERB.
  - The proposed research topic should qualify on criteria of industrial relevance.
  - The candidate should be willing to work in / with industry on specific projects.
  - The selected Fellow will cease to receive any other scholarship or salary from any source Which he / she may be receiving before the award of the Prime Minister's Fellowship.
- Intellectual Property Rights**
- All issues pertaining to IP arising out of the research project will be decided mutually by the industry partner, institute and the researcher. They will be required to sign an agreement on plain paper listing out the timelines for the researcher and the sharing of intellectual property.
  - All publications / patents by the Fellow, arising from the work under this Fellowship must contain an acknowledgement of funding from SERB, Industry and FICCI.

### **Review Process**

- The Fellow will be required to submit a written progress report to the Apex Council every academic year.
- Based on this, there will be an annual review of the progress made.
- Subsequent release of funds will be based on the satisfactory progress of the work done and letters of recommendation from research guide and industry mentor / guide.

### **Transfer to another Institute**

- Once accepted, the offer for implementing the Prime Minister's Fellowship at a particular university / institute / laboratory in the country will not be allowed to be transferred to any other university / institute / laboratory.

## **General Terms**

- The Prime Minister's Fellowship shall be tenable for a maximum period of four years or completion of the PhD programmes (i.e. till the final defence of the PhD thesis), whichever is earlier.
- It will be the responsibility of the Fellow's guide and the host institute to ensure that if the Fellow leaves his / her institution, or is not dedicating sufficient time or effort to the project, the industry partner, industry mentor and FICCI will be informed immediately.
- If the host institute recognizes that for personal, professional or other reasons the researcher wishes to terminate his / her Fellowship prematurely, then this action should be taken in consultation with FICCI.
- Should the Fellow be unable for medical reasons to pursue his / her studies in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Fellowship, he / she must inform FICCI within two weeks of such a situation coming to his / her attention. In such situations, FICCI will have

the right to defer (for a maximum period of nine months) or close the Fellowship.

- These Terms and Conditions will be governed by and construed in accordance with the Indian Penal Code and all parties will expressly and irrevocably submit to the word of the Apex Council in case of any dispute. If the dispute remains unresolved, then final arbitration will rest with Secretary, DST.
- Good practices will be observed in relation to data management, protection and security.
- It is the responsibility of the Fellow to inform FICCI of any change of address, telephone, or e-mail within two weeks of any such change.
- SERB and FICCI reserve the right to revise the Terms and Conditions of this scheme at any time.
- Neither SERB, nor FICCI or Apex Council or the Government of India can be held legally liable for breach of trust by candidates, host institute or industry partner.

## **Finance / Payment of Fellowship**

- Subject to the compliance of the host institute with these terms and conditions and to the receipt by FICCI of satisfactory reports on the progress of the Fellowship. The Fellowship will be paid to the candidate directly every month by FICCI.
- The scholarship payment will commence only when complete payment for full-year has been made by the partner company
- The Fellow will be required to submit Progress Report every year duly authenticated by the concerned guide and industry mentor.

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