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**The Scheme**

The scheme is for supporting aspiring PhD scholars with lucrative scholarship (up to Rs. 8.7 lakh per annum--*amount subject to revision as per current JRF/SRF slabs*), 50% of which will be provided by government and balance 50% by a sponsoring industry, for doing research for four years and the research fellow will receive PhD degree by doing this industrial research.

**Open-Ended Applications**

A candidate can register on the portal of PM Fellowship if she/he has been registered for full-time PhD in last 14 months from the date of submission of applications. This has been done to accommodate the various university / institute rules that vary from 6 months to 14 months' time period for final registration to PhD from the time of initial enrollment, which includes course work in institute for two semesters.

The applicants must firm up their alliance with industry before applying.

**Eligibility**

- One doctoral fellow and one industry will apply jointly. The application has to be filled by the doctoral fellow
- Doctoral fellow should have registered for full-time PhD in last 14 months from the date of submission of applications in any recognized Indian University / Institute / Research Laboratory
- Doctoral fellow should obtain 'No Objection' from his/her Institution before applying
- Doctoral fellow should have identified (before applying) an industry partner/co-applicant who should be ready to support the research project financially and also lend technical and intellectual support
- Areas of research should be in Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture or Medicine
- The topic of research should have practical relevance and industrial application
- The candidate and the proposed research topic should qualify on criteria of excellence and relevance and be of technical and scientific merit
- The selected doctoral fellow should be willing to work with / in industry as and when required by the industry partner during the project period



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- The research duration should not be more than four years leading to award of PhD degree to the doctoral fellow

### **Selection Process & Broad Criteria for Selection**

- A high level Apex Council consisting of members from academia, industry and government will review the applications and select the candidates for award of PM Fellowship.
- The project should be innovative and of high scientific merit; with discrete R&D as opposed to exploratory investigation
- The proposed research should have a high potential to translate into a business opportunity and commercialization
- High credibility, capacity of doctoral fellow and the institution
- High degree of business interest, involvement and collaboration of industry

### **Funding Support**

- Up to 100 research projects would be supported in a financial year.
- The Fellowship amount will be up to Rs. 8.7 lakh per annum maximum per candidate (amount subject to revision as per current JRF/SRF slabs).
- 50% of this amount will come from SERB [being equivalent to the prevailing Government norms for JRF /SRF (inclusive of HRA)] of maximum Rs 5 lakh per annum (including 10% management fee) and will be revised as per the JRF/SRF norms from time to time.
- Rest 50% (matching equivalent of SERB component) will come from the partner industry co-applicant.
- Duration of the Fellowships will be a maximum of four years leading with awarding of PhD degree
- If selected to receive the Prime Minister's Fellowship for Doctoral Research, the candidate will cease to receive any other scholarship / salary from any other organisation which he / she may be receiving at present

### **Eligibility of Industry Partner**

The following conditions apply:

1. NGO and Society are not treated as a company
2. The company should be registered under the Indian Companies Act
3. Body corporate or a consortium of companies are allowed to support the fellowship



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4. Research arms of companies and Research institutes of companies are allowed to support the fellowship

### How to Apply

- Applications have to be submitted online
- For applying, log on to: [www.primeministerfellowshipscheme.in](http://www.primeministerfellowshipscheme.in)

### Important Dates

Last date of Online Submission of Application Form : **Within 14 months of final registration / admission to PhD**

Announcement of Results: **Updates on website**

Signing of MOUs among selected PhD Fellows, Industry and Institutes: **Within the time-period specified in the selection mail**

Release of Fellowship amount to Research scholar: **From April (or Month specified in the selection mail) of each year on a monthly basis**

### Contact

- SERB, DST, Government of India : Email: [p.mohanty@serb.gov.in](mailto:p.mohanty@serb.gov.in)
- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII): [shalini.sharma@cii.in](mailto:shalini.sharma@cii.in) & [neha.gupta@cii.in](mailto:neha.gupta@cii.in)



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## 1. BACKGROUND

India is far behind many countries including China in terms of number of PhDs passing out of Indian university system every year. This has many reasons. Indian industry's investment in Research & Development, barring a few sectors like pharmaceuticals and biotechnology, is very poor compared to global benchmark and they don't recruit PhDs in large scale. On the other hand, Government's doctoral fellowship amount is not attractive and talented students tend to accept jobs than pursuing PhDs.

Government of India and Confederation of Indian industry have been very concerned about this trend and explored an innovative model where talented students and industry will be attracted to join hands in a process where doctoral fellows will get double fellowship amount and the industry will initiate a research project.

The scheme invites applications from doctoral fellows who are enrolled in any recognised university and institutions in India in the current year and want to do industrial research, should find an industry sponsor with whom the doctoral fellow will decide the research topic. The sponsoring industry should agree to pay a matching amount to the Government component, which can go up to a maximum of Rs. 5 lakhs per year (including 10% management fee), for four years and be involved in the research project with the doctoral fellow and the institution. This amount is subject to change as per the revisions in the Government slabs.

The scheme is currently designed to support 100 such fellowships in a year.

It was envisaged that, this scheme would eventually impact on attracting large number of talented students pursuing PhDs and on changing industry's mindset in investing in R&D and recruiting more PhDs.

The First Call for Application was announced in November, 2012 and within a month; more than 200 applications from doctoral fellows and industry were received. A high level Apex Council chaired by Dr. M K Bhan, Former Secretary of Department of Biotechnology, selected 28 Fellowships.

The scheme has been made open-ended from the year 2014.



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## **2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - WHO CAN APPLY**

- 2.1. One doctoral fellow and one industry jointly should apply. Doctoral Fellow will be the Applicant and industry will be Co-Applicant
- 2.2. Doctoral fellow should have registered for full-time PhD in last 14 months from the date of submission of applications in any recognized Indian University / Institute / Research Laboratory
- 2.3. Doctoral fellow should have excellent academic track record
- 2.4. Doctoral fellow should obtain 'No Objection' from his / her Institution before applying and will get a letter of commitment from the Head of the Institution
- 2.5. Doctoral fellow should have identified (before applying) an industry partner / co-applicant who should be ready to support the research project financially and also lend technical and intellectual support. Doctoral Fellow will get a Letter of Commitment from the industry partner before applying.

## **3. BROAD APPLICATION PROCESS**

### **3.1 Applicant : Doctoral Fellow**

- 3.1.1 Get an in-principle approval from academic research guide and Head of the institution for applying for this Fellowship.
- 3.1.2 Develop preliminary proposal for research based on the self's qualification / strength / skills aiming for a particular sector of industrial applications, in consultation with academic research guide.
- 3.1.3 Engage with some industry to explore industry's interest on the research proposal.
- 3.1.4 Finalise the research proposal in consultation with industry and academic guide.
- 3.1.5 Get a Letter of Commitment from Industry who will be ready to pay maximum Rs. 5 lakh per year (including 10% program management fee), for four years and be



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involved in the research project with the doctoral fellow and the institution. The amount of support varies according to the JRF / SRF slab of the candidate and the HRA slabs for the host institute.

- 3.1.6 Get a letter of commitment from the Head of your institution that will be ready to allow you to work in the institute and in the premises of sponsoring industry, as and when needed and for joint (industry + institute) review of progress of research.
- 3.1.7 Apply online for the PM Fellowship (Application Form enclosed in Annexure 1).
- 3.1.8 Once selected, sign an agreement (Sample agreement enclosed in Annexure – 2) with sponsoring industry and your institution clearly defining the roles and responsibilities including sharing of Intellectual Property that may be generated as the outcome of the research.
- 3.1.9 Execute the research project as per the mutually agreed process and timelines.

### **3.2 Co-Applicant : Industry**

- 3.2.1 Engage with doctoral fellows who will approach you, either directly or through CII, to explore partnership with the doctoral fellow in his / her research project of your interest.
- 3.2.2 In case, you already have a research assignment, you identify a capable doctoral fellow (from a recognised university / institution) who can conduct the research on your assignment during his / her PhD course.
- 3.2.3 Finalise the research proposal in consultation with doctoral Fellow and his / her academic guide.
- 3.2.4 Provide a Letter of Commitment to doctoral fellow to pay maximum Rs. 5 lakh per year (including 10% program management fee), for four years and to be involved in the research project with the doctoral fellow and the institution. The amount of support varies according to the JRF / SRF slab of the candidate and the HRA slabs for the host institute.



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- 3.2.5 Sign up application form jointly with doctoral fellow, online for the PM Fellowship (Application Form enclosed in Annexure 1)
- 3.2.6 Once selected, sign an agreement (Sample agreement enclosed in Annexure – 2) with doctoral fellow and his / her institution clearly defining the roles and responsibilities, including sharing of Intellectual Property that may be generated as the outcome of the research.
- 3.2.7 Execute the research project as per the mutually agreed process and timelines.

#### **4. SUBJECT AREAS IN WHICH APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED**

- 4.1. Applications with research proposals in the following broad areas are invited:
  - 4.1.1. Science
  - 4.1.2. Technology
  - 4.1.3. Engineering
  - 4.1.4. Agriculture
  - 4.1.5. Medicine
- 4.2. The proposed research should qualify on criteria of excellence and relevance and be of technical and scientific merit.
- 4.3. The proposed research should have practical relevance and industrial application.

#### **5. FELLOWSHIP FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1. Up to 100 Fellowships would be provided each year and the Fellowship will be paid from financial year April-March.
- 5.2. The Fellowship amount will be up to Rs. 8.7 lakh per annum maximum per candidate. (Based on the current JRF/SRF slabs)
- 5.3. 50% of the fellowship will come from SERB [being equivalent to the prevailing Government norms for JRF /SRF (inclusive of HRA)] of maximum Rs 5,00,000/- per annum and will be revised as per the JRF/SRF norms from time to time.





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- 5.4. Rest 50% (matching equivalent of SERB component) will come from the sponsoring industry co-applicant.
- 5.5. The Government Component will be decided basis JRF & SRF slabs and no provision of Research Associate (RA) is available under the scheme
- 5.6. Duration of the Fellowships will be a maximum of four years leading to awarding of PhD degree
- 5.7. If selected to receive the Prime Minister's Fellowship for Doctoral Research, the candidate will cease to receive any other scholarship / salary from any other organisation which he / she may be receiving at present
- 5.8. If the partner company ceases to support a fellow during the committed 4 year time period, the PM Fellowship will stand cancelled and the government support will also be withdrawn from the time the industry support becomes unavailable.

## **6. SELECTION PROCESS**

- 6.1. A high level Apex Council consisting of members from academia, industry and government will review the applications and select the candidates for award of PM Fellowships.
- 6.2. The broad criteria for selection of projects will be:
  - 6.2.1. The project should be innovative and of high scientific merit; with discrete R&D as opposed to exploratory investigation
  - 6.2.2. The proposed research should have a high potential to translate into a business opportunity and commercialization
  - 6.2.3. High credibility, capacity of doctoral fellow and the institution
  - 6.2.4. High degree of business interest, involvement and collaboration of industry



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## **7. DURATION, REVIEW & TERMINATION OF FELLOWSHIP**

- 7.1. The duration of the Fellowship under the Prime Minister's Fellowship Scheme for Doctoral Research will be a maximum of four years.
- 7.2. The Fellowship will automatically cease with the submission of the Fellow's thesis.
- 7.3. The Fellow will be required to submit a written progress report to the Apex Council before 30<sup>th</sup> November every academic year following the commencement of the Fellowship.
- 7.4. Based on the progress report submitted, there will be an annual review of the progress made by the candidate before the Apex Council or a committee nominated by the Apex Council.
- 7.5. 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.
- 7.6. The Fellowship will be liable to termination if the Fellow leaves his / her institution or is found to be not dedicating sufficient time or effort to the project.
- 7.7. The Fellowship will be liable to termination if the host institute recognises that for personal, professional or other reasons, the research scholar wishes to terminate his / her Fellowship prematurely.
- 7.8. The Fellowship will be liable to termination should the Fellow be unable for medical reasons to pursue his / her studies in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Fellowship.
- 7.9. 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 in the country, at any point, during the four-year tenure of the Fellowship.



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## **8. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & OTHER RIGHTS**

- 8.1. CII and SERB do not possess any rights on any research / products / findings resulting from the above mentioned project. All publications / patents by the Fellow, arising from the work under this Fellowship must contain an acknowledgement of support from SERB, CII and supporting company.
- 8.2. Any dispute arising out of this will be taken care of by the Apex Council.
- 8.3. If the dispute remains unresolved then final arbitration will rest with Secretary, DST.

## **9. HOW TO APPLY (Sample Application Form given as Annexure 1)**

- 9.1. Applications will be accepted only in online mode through the web portal [www.primeministerfellowshipscheme.in](http://www.primeministerfellowshipscheme.in)
- 9.2. All candidates are advised to register on this portal for the required matchmaking with industry. Applications will be accepted only through this web portal
- 9.3. The scheme is open-ended and the scholars can apply anytime during the year subject to the condition that the doctoral fellow should have registered for Full-time PhD in last 14 months from the date of submission of applications in any recognized Indian University / Institute / Research Laboratory. This scheme is not available for part-time research scholars.
- 9.4. The evaluation and selection will take place up to two times a year, depending on the application volumes. Interim selection can be done as required if sufficient applications are received
- 9.5. The updates on selection will be available online



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## 10. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### Q. 1) How can I apply for this fellowship?

A) You can apply for this fellowship through the website  
[www.primeministerfellowshipscheme.in](http://www.primeministerfellowshipscheme.in)

### Q. 2) What is the procedure for applying for the fellowship?

A) Following is a step-by-step guide for the application process:-

- Register as a student on the portal [www.primeministerfellowshipscheme.in](http://www.primeministerfellowshipscheme.in)
- Download the Call for Proposal and Document Checklist
- Tie up with a company and get the required undertakings signed from a valid signatory in the company as well as in the host institute
- Collect all documents and make digital copies of each
- Fill the application form online (the form cannot be downloaded and requires net connectivity while filling)
- Submit application
- Do not send any physical copy of the application / documents to CII

### Q. 3) How does the online application work?

A) 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](http://www.primeministerfellowshipscheme.in). All the required documents and details needed to be given should be collected before filling the online application.

### Q. 4) I had filled the application online but before I could click on the 'Submit' button, my net connection snapped and my application was lost. Will I need to fill it again?

A) Yes, if all data is lost you will need to fill the form again. However, this is unlikely if you save your progress from time to time while filling up the form. A 'Save' option is provided in the online form. You can use this option to save all data you may have entered and can continue to fill the form later from the same step where you last left.



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**Q. 5) 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?**

A) The scheme is open-ended and the scholars can apply anytime during the year subject to the condition that the doctoral fellow should have registered for full-time PhD in last 14 months from the date of submission of application in any recognized Indian university / institute / research laboratory.

In case of any dispute regarding 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.

**Q. 6) What are the requisite details an applicant needs to fill in?**

A) Refer to Annexure I in Call for Proposal.

**Q. 7) Can I apply if I do not have an industry partner? Will CII help in finding one?**

A) 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](http://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.

**Q. 8) How can I find relevant industry partners?**

A) 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.



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**Q. 9) If an applicant submits the form, can it be submitted again?**

A) Refer to point number 4 regarding saving progress. 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.

**Q. 10) If I apply this year and am not able to get the scholarship this time, will I be allowed to apply next year?**

A) Yes, you can apply as a fresh candidate with updated information, provided you satisfy all the eligibility conditions.

**Q. 11) Will applicants get automated response to submission? Will somebody call from CII to confirm the receipt of application?**

A) 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](mailto:pm.scheme@cii.in) and cc: [neha.gupta@cii.in](mailto:neha.gupta@cii.in).

**Q. 12) Which are the institutes where PM Fellows are doing their research?**

A) 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

**Q. 12) Which are the companies who are supporting PM Fellows in their research?**



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A) Following are some of the companies who are supporting PM Fellows in their research:

Abellon Clean Energy Limited, Applied Materials Inc., Arche Biologics, Autosys Engineering (P) Limited, Beauscape Farms, Bharat Forge Limited, Cadila Pharmaceuticals Limited, CYMK Inks LLP, Eaton Corporation, Envian Engineers Private Limited, EON Electric Limited, Forbes Marshall Private Limited, G.E. Motors Private Limited, GE India Technology Center Private Limited, General Mills India Private Limited, Godrej & Boyce Manufacturing Company Limited, Google India Private Limited, Hoganäs AB, HPCL, IBIDEN Co. Limited, Infosys Limited, Intel Corporation - USA, Intel Technology India Private Limited, Jai Bharath Gum & Chemical Limited, Joegeetha Plastic Pipes, Kamineni Hospital Limited, K-Pack Systems Private Limited, Krish Biotech Research Private Limited, Maxim Crop Sciences Private Limited, Maxim Integrated – California, Microsoft Research, Morphing Machines Private Limited, NanoXpert Technologies, Natco Pharma Limited, NMDC, Nova-Surface Care Centre Private Limited, Nuziveedu Seeds Limited, Ozone Research and Application India Private Limited, P&G - Beijing, Persistent Systems Limited, Petrotech Society, Piramal Healthcare Limited, Prathista Industries Limited, Preca Solutions India Private Limited, Robert Bosch Engineering and Business Solutions Limited, Sahajanand Medical Technologies Private Limited, Sampurn Agri Ventures Private Limited, Shell India Markets Private Limited, Simco Global Technology & Systems Limited, Skymax Research & Regulations, Solar Agrotech Private Limited, Sree Akzya Dyeing, Strand Life Sciences, Suyog Nirmitti, Talga Resources Limited, Tata Chemicals Limited, Tata Steel Limited, The Punjab State Cooperative Milk Producers Fed Limited (Milkfed Punjab), Thermax Limited, Trichy Distilleries & Chemicals Limited, United Phosphorus Limited, Vaata Infra Limited, Varsha Bioscience and Technology, Verdenta Hybrid Seeds Private Limited, Xerox India Limited and Zim Laboratories Limited



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## 11. APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Applications will only be accepted in online format through the web portal [www.primeministerfellowshipscheme.in](http://www.primeministerfellowshipscheme.in). Project Proposals will include both a technical component and a plan of how the same will be executed. The technical as well as the execution components should describe the innovation, outline the proposed technical approach and contain a research plan. The proposal will also provide a description of the institutions and the industry and other participants along with detailed resumes of key project personnel. Please refer to the following to get a better understanding of what will be covered in the application form:

- 11.1. The application process will be online.
- 11.2. Applications with project proposals minus an industry partner will not be considered for evaluation. Scholarships will be given only if there is an industry sponsor. There can be two ways to get an industry to sponsor:
  - 11.2.1. The Fellow can approach a company and get it to sponsor him / her before applying.
  - 11.2.2. The industry can reach out to a Fellow and propose to sponsor his / her research and get the PhD Fellow to apply for the scheme.
- 11.3. For each project there will also be an industry mentor for the PhD Fellow who will be the Co-supervisor / Co-guide.
- 11.4. No overheads will be given to the institute where the full-time PhD Fellow will be enrolled.
- 11.5. Before the start of the Fellowship, industry will be free to sign a Non-Disclosure-Agreement with the candidate and his / her institute, in view of the sharing of the company's data and/or other resources by the candidate.
- 11.6. Publication of Results: Successful candidates will be informed through emails. The list of final candidates will also be put up on the website of SERB and CII.
- 11.7. Administrative and Legal requirements to be addressed by the Institute Partner, Industry Partner and the Fellow under the Scheme while signing the Memorandum of Understanding:





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- 11.7.1. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) will be the implementing agency of the scheme. It will disburse the amount to the institute on a half yearly basis and the institute in turn will pay to the research Fellow.
- 11.7.2. The institute will disburse the scholarship to the candidate on a monthly basis.
- 11.7.3. The company supporting the research and SERB will deposit the scholarship amount of four years per candidate with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on yearly basis.
- 11.7.4. It will be the responsibility of the Fellow to get the MoU signed from institute and industry and send the copies for signing to CII. CII will keep one copy of the MoU and return three copies back to the candidate.
- 11.7.5. Refer to Annexure II for details of administrative and legal requirements for all four parties as per the MoA.

## **12. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION FORM**

- 12.1. Undertaking from Research Supervisor and Head of the Organisation / Institute / University as per format given in Application Form
- 12.2. Undertaking from Industry Partner in the research project as per format given in Application Form
- 12.3. Attested Copies of Certificates / degrees acquired by Fellow till date including PhD Registration Certificate
- 12.4. Profiles / CVs
  - 12.4.1. Student
  - 12.4.2. Academic Guide (with publication and research project details)
  - 12.4.3. Industry Mentor
  - 12.4.4. Partner Company
  - 12.4.5. Institute



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12.5. Passport Size Picture

12.6. Publications

12.7. Research Synopsis

12.8. List of Applicant's Publications

12.9. Partner Company Balance Sheet (For SMEs and Start-ups)

### 13. IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

<b>Last date of Online Submission of Application Form</b>	Anytime within 14 months from final registration/admission in PhD
<b>Announcement of Results</b>	Updates on website
<b>Signing of MoUs between PhD Fellows, Industry and Institutes</b>	Within the time-period specified in the selection mail
<b>Release of Fellowship amount to Research scholar</b>	From April (or Month specified in the selection mail) of each year on a monthly basis

### 14. MANAGEMENT OF THE SCHEME

14.1. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is the implementing agency of the scheme.

14.2. The company supporting the research will deposit the scholarship amount of four years per candidate with CII on yearly basis.

14.3. CII will disburse the amount to the institute on a half yearly basis and the institute in turn will pay to the research Fellow.

14.4. The continuation of the Fellowship will be based on the yearly review and recommendations from the industry and the institute.



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**Annexure I: SAMPLE APPLICATION FORM**

**NOTE:** This is a sample form only. The complete form is available online. Register on the portal as a student to access and fill the Application Form

**Personal Details**

**1. Prefix**

- Mr  
 Ms

**2. Gender**

- Male  
 Female

**3. First Name**

**Middle Name**

**Last Name**

**4. Email**

**5. Mobile Phone**

**6. Date of Birth**

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**7. Father's full name**



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**8. Complete Permanent Address**

Address Line

City

State

Pin Code

**9. Complete Postal Address**

Address Line

City

State

Pin Code

**10. Marital status**

- Married  
 Unmarried

**11. Nationality**

- Indian  
 Other

**13. Recent Passport Size Picture**

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**Details of PhD**

**1. Date of Enrolment in PhD**

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**2. PhD Enrolment Certificate**

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**3. Date of Registration in PhD**

*This date may be the same as enrolment date in case of some institute / university rules  
(Note: A candidate can apply to PM Fellowship if she/he has been registered for PhD for not more than 14 months from the date of submission of application)*

<<Calendar>>

**4. PhD Registration Certificate**

<<Attachment option>>

**5. Institute where enrolled / registered in PhD**

**6. University\***

**7. Nature of PhD enrolled / registered in**

- Full-time  
 Part-time

**8. Complete Hostel Address**

Address Line

City

State

Pin Code

**9. Broad Research Area**

Options: Chemistry, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences, Engineering, Life Sciences, Mathematics and Physics



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10. Sub-classification of Research Area (E.g. Chemical Engineering, Horticulture, Cancer)

11. Research Topic / Title (Maximum 30 words)

12. Research Problem Synopsis

**Note: Please write only a brief version of your research problem (maximum 300 words) highlighting the goals and objectives of your research**

13. List of publications

### Educational Details

Details of 10<sup>th</sup> Board

1. Board

- CBSE
- ICSE
- State Board (Please Specify)
- Other (Please Specify)



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**2. Subjects taken**

**3. Year of passing**

<<Year drop-down>>

**4. % marks / grade/ GPA obtained**

**5. Scan of 10th Certificate**

<<Attachment option>>

**Details of 12<sup>th</sup> Board**

**1. Board**

CBSE

ICSE

State Board (Please Specify)

Other (Please Specify)

**2. Subjects taken**

**3. Year of enrolment**

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**4. Year of passing**

<<Year drop-down>>

**5. % marks / grade/ GPA obtained**

**6. Scan of 12th Certificate**

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**Details of Graduation Degree**

**1. Name of Graduation Degree**

**2. Type of Graduation Degree**

- Regular (3 or 4 years)
- Integrated (5 years)

**3. Specialisation / Subject**

**4. Marks / CGPA Obtained**

**5. Institute**



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6. University\*

7. Year of enrolment

<<Year drop-down>>

8. Year of passing

<<Year drop-down>>

9. Scan of Graduation Certificate

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I have taken admission in PhD directly after my graduation.

**Details of Post-Graduation Degree\***

1. Name of Post-Graduation Degree

2. Specialisation / Subject

3. Marks / CGPA Obtained

4. Institute

5. University\*



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**6. Year of enrolment**

<<Year drop-down>>

**7. Year of passing**

<<Year drop-down>>

**8. Scan of Post-Graduation Certificate**

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**Details of Other Degree / Diploma\***

**1. Name of Other Degree / Diploma**

**2. Specialisation / Subject**

**3. Marks / CGPA Obtained**

**4. Maximum Marks / CGPA**

**5. Institute**



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6. University\*

7. Year of enrolment

<<Year drop-down>>

8. Year of passing

<<Year drop-down>>

9. Scan of Other Degree / Diploma Certificate

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**Host Institute (PhD) Details**

1. Name of Institute where Registered for PhD

2. Name of Department

3. Address of the PhD institute

Address Line

City

State

Pin Code



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**4. PhD institute (phone with STD code)**

City STD Code	Phone Number
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**5. PhD institute website**

**6. Profile of Host institute**  
<<Attachment option>>

**Academic Guide Details**

**1. Name of the 1st Supervisor / Research Guide for PhD**

Prefix	Full Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**2. Mobile Number of Research Guide**

**3. Email ID of Research Guide**

**4. Bio-data of PhD Supervisor, not exceeding 3 pages**  
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**5. Name of the 2nd supervisor / research guide for PhD**

Prefix	Full Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



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**Partner Company Details**

1. Name of Partner Company

2. Partner Company Website

3. Address of the Partner Company

Address Line

City

State

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4. Annual Turnover of Partner Company\*

5. Partner Company Latest Balance Sheet

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6. Partner Company Logo

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7. Partner Company Profile

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**Industry Mentor Details**

1. Name of the Industry Mentor



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Prefix

Full Name

2. Mobile Number of Industry Mentor

3. Email ID of Industry Mentor

4. Designation of the Industry Mentor

5. Address of the Industry Mentor

Address Line

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6. Industry Mentor phone with STD code

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Phone Number

7. Bio-data of Industry Mentor, not exceeding 3 pages

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**Current Employment / Fellowship Details**

1. Currently availing any fellowship?



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- Yes  
 No

*Note: If you check 'No', points 2 & 3 do not apply*

**2. Name of the agency providing fellowship**

**3. Are you interested in switching over from present fellowship to the PM's Fellowship for Doctoral Research?**

- Yes  
 No

**4. Are you currently employed in some job/ assignment?**

- Yes  
 No

*Note: If you check 'No', points 5, 6, 7 & 8 do not apply*

**5. Name of the employer**

**6. Job / assignment description / designation**

**7. Address of current employer**

**Address Line**

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**8. Specify any previous employments**

**Name of Employer Organisation**

**Designation**

**Duration of Job**

<< Calender >>

**Undertakings & Other Documents**

- 1. Undertaking from the Research Supervisor and Head of the Organization of the Institute / University**  
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- 2. Undertaking from the Industry Partner in the Research Project**  
<<Attachment option>>
- 3. Letter from the Industry Partner (on company's letterhead) on the research problem and the future plans for implementation, if any\***  
<<Attachment option>>
- 4. Do you have any gaps between your educational qualifications?**  
 Yes  
 No

*Note: If you check 'No', point 5 does not apply*

- 5. Check all the qualifications between which you have gaps and specify the gap duration and reasons?**  
 Before 10th  
 Between 10<sup>th</sup> & 12th



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- Between 12<sup>th</sup> & Graduation
- Between Graduation & Post-Graduation
- Before PhD
- Any Other (Please specify)

**Declaration**

It is certified that all Information given by me is true to the best of my knowledge. If any Information were to be found incorrect or false, I am aware that my application and Fellowship are liable for cancellation.

- Agree
- Disagree

**Upload Documents**

**Note: the following documents will be required to be uploaded while filling the online application form.**

- 1. Recent Passport Size Picture**
- 2. PhD Enrolment Certificate**
- 3. PhD Registration Certificate**
- 4. 10th Certificate**
- 5. 12th Certificate**
- 6. Graduation Certificate**
- 7. Post-Graduation Certificate**
- 8. Scan of Other Degree / Diploma Certificate**
- 9. Profile of host institute**
- 10. Bio-data of PhD Supervisor, not exceeding 3 pages**
- 11. Partner Company Logo**
- 12. Profile of Partner Company**



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- 13. Partner Company Latest Balance Sheet**
- 14. Bio-data of Industry Mentor, not exceeding 3 pages**
- 15. Undertaking from the Research Supervisor and Head of the Organization of the Institute / University\***
- 16. Undertaking from the Industry Partner in the Research Project\***
- 17. Letter from the Industry Partner (on company's letterhead) on the research problem and the future plans for implementation, if any**
- 18. List of Applicant's Publications**
- 19. Detailed Research Synopsis**



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**Undertaking from the Research Supervisor and Head of the Organization of the Institute / University**

It is certified that all the above information given by the applicant \_\_\_\_\_ son / daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ is correct and that he / she is registered in full-time PhD program since \_\_\_\_\_. We hereby convey our No-Objection towards his / her work under the Prime Minister's Fellowship Scheme for Doctoral Research.

**Signature of the Research Supervisor**

First Name		Last Name	
Date		Place	
Signature			

**Signature of the Director / Registrar / Vice-Chancellor of the Institute / University**

First Name		Last Name	
Date		Place	
Signature			



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**Undertaking from the Industry Partner**

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (registered name of the company) is interested in partnering with \_\_\_\_\_ (name of the PhD Fellow) who is enrolled with \_\_\_\_\_ (name of the institution) for doing research on the topic \_\_\_\_\_ (broad topic mutually identified by the candidate and industry).

The company agrees to provide a matching equivalent of SERB grant (up to about Rs 5 lakh per annum, including management fee, for this candidate for a maximum period of four years, subject to yearly evaluation) to the candidate. This amount may be modified as per revisions in the Government slabs. The designated Industry Mentor for this project from this company will be \_\_\_\_\_ (name of the Industry mentor). The Intellectual Property rights arising from this research will be on mutually agreed terms among the parties. The candidate will be allowed to attend classes and pursue academic part of the curriculum as required by the norms of the institute. He / she will be given access to the resources as deemed fit by the industry, as required for the research work.

**Signature of Authorised Signatory**

First Name		Last Name	
Date		Place	
Signature			

**Signature of Industry Mentor**

First Name		Last Name	
Date		Place	
Signature			



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**Annexure II**

**Sample Memorandum of Understanding which selected candidates will be required to sign with their institute, industry partner and CII. The dates and relevant details will need to be changed accordingly**



Company  
Logo

Institute  
Logo

**Memorandum of Agreement  
between  
Confederation of Indian Industry (CII),  
<Candidate Name>,  
<Industry Name>,  
and  
<Institute Name>  
for**

Implementation of the "Prime Minister's Fellowship Scheme for Doctoral Research", a joint initiative of CII and Science & Engineering Research Board (SERB), for <candidate name> enrolled for full-time PhD at <institute name>, starting 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 for a maximum period of four years.

This MoU is made by and between:

- a) **CONFEDERATION OF INDIAN INDUSTRY (CII)**, an apex body of Industries, which has its headquarters at the Mantosh Sondhi Centre, 23, Institutional Area, Lodi Road, New Delhi – 110003, hereinafter referred to as "CII"



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and

- b) < Candidate name >, a <<PhD Registration Month and Year>> registered full-time PhD student at <institute name> who has been recommended by the Apex Council of the “Prime Minister’s Fellowship Scheme for Doctoral Research” for the 1<sup>st</sup> batch of fellowships starting <<Date & Year>> for a maximum period of four years, hereinafter referred to as “Candidate”.

and

- c) < Industry name >, a company headquartered at < to be filled by the company >, which has agreed to provide a financial grant and necessary technical guidance on the research topic of the candidate under the Prime Minister’s Fellowship Scheme for Doctoral Research starting <<Date & Year>>, hereinafter referred to as “Industry”.

and

- d) <Institute name >, the institute where the said candidate is enrolled to pursue full-time PhD under the supervision of the guide assigned by the institute, hereinafter referred to as “Institute”.

#### 4 Background of Scheme

Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) for human resource capacity building for industrial R&D has been recognized as one of the main deliverables by a Sub-Committee of Prime Minister’s Council on Trade & Industry. One of the recommendations that emerged from the private sector is to design, develop and implement a doctoral research scheme in PPP mode for enhancing trust level in academia, research outfits and industry.

Vide Prime Minister’s Office ID No–3646245/2012-ES-II dated 2nd November 2012, the Prime Minister’s Office approved the proposal of naming the SERB-CII Doctoral Fellowship Scheme as “**Prime Minister’s Fellowship Scheme for Doctoral Research**”.



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On 8th November 2012, the scheme was launched at AICTE-CII University-Industry Congress & 4th Global Higher Education Summit held in New Delhi. The “Prime Minister’s Fellowship Scheme for Doctoral Research” is being implemented jointly by Science & Engineering Research Board (SERB) and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). The scheme is run under PPP mode.

**5 Nature of Support**

50 per cent of the fellowship amount will come from SERB [being equivalent to the prevailing Government norms for JRF / SRF (inclusive of HRA)] starting 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 and will be revised as per the JRF / SRF norms from time to time. Rest 50 per cent (matching the equivalent of SERB component) will come from the sponsoring industry. The industry component is also subject to revision as per changes in the Government component.

**6 Objective of MoU**

The objective of this MoA is to determine the roles and responsibilities of the four parties under the above stated scheme.

**About the Project - to be filled by the candidate through mutual consultation with partner company and host institute**

<b>3.1</b>	<b>About the project</b>	
3.1.1	Research Title as Approved by Apex Council	
3.1.2	Synopsis (up to 300 words)	
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Expected yearly milestones</b>	
3.2.1	1 <sup>st</sup> year (till <b>December 20..</b> )	
3.2.2	2 <sup>nd</sup> year (till <b>December 20..</b> )	
3.2.3	3 <sup>rd</sup> year (till <b>December 20..</b> )	





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PRIME MINISTER'S FELLOWSHIP SCHEME FOR DOCTORAL RESEARCH  
A PPP Initiative of Science & Engineering Research Board (SERB) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)  
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3.2.4	4 <sup>th</sup> year (till December 20..)	
3.3	Final output envisaged	

**7 Roles and Responsibilities of the Parties**

**7.1 Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**

- 7.1.1 Manage the scheme and act as the contact point for all communications.
- 7.1.2 Transfer the grant money to the candidate / institute every month / every six months on receipt of the grant from SERB and industry contributors.
- 7.1.3 Plan and fix review meetings for project evaluation and provide other support for the success of the project.

**7.2 <Company name>**

- 7.2.1 Pay CII the yearly grant amount for the candidate by 25<sup>th</sup> February every year.
- 7.2.2 Pay CII the 10% management fees yearly by 15<sup>th</sup> April every year.  
(For the first year of the Fellowship, starting 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017, the total amount including the CII management fee payable is Rs. \_\_ <<Total Amount>> \_\_.

**Cheque Payment:** Two cheques (Rs \_\_\_\_\_ being the scholarship which will be transferred on a monthly basis in the bank account of the student and Rs \_\_\_\_\_ will be the management fee of CII) should be made in the name of **Confederation of Indian Industry** and sent at the following address by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

**Prime Minister's Fellowship Scheme**  
c/o Ms Neha Gupta  
Deputy Director - Higher Education  
Confederation of Indian Industry  
Plot No. 249-F, Udyog Vihar Phase IV  
Sector 18, Gurgaon  
Haryana 122015



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The cheque should have a **covering letter** stating that the enclosed cheques of **Rs \_\_\_\_\_** is for the research grant which the company has agreed to provide to **<name of the candidate>**. The **Rs \_\_\_\_\_** cheque is towards the project management fee of CII.

**Bank Transfer:** Alternatively, the entire amount of **Rs. \_\_<<Total Amount>>\_\_** (Rs \_\_\_\_\_ being the scholarship which will be transferred on a monthly basis in the bank account of the student and **Rs \_\_\_\_\_** will be the management fee of CII) can be transferred to CII through NEFT by 15th April every year and the details of the transfer (mentioning the UTR Number) along with the break-up of the payment should be emailed to CII to [neha.gupta@cii.in](mailto:neha.gupta@cii.in) & [pm.scheme@cii.in](mailto:pm.scheme@cii.in) . The CII bank details are as under:

Name of Organisation	:	Confederation of Indian Industry
Address	:	The Mantosh Sondhi Center 23, Institutional Area, Lodi Road, New Delhi 110003
Constitution	:	Registered under Societies Act XXI of 1860
State	:	New Delhi
State code	:	07
PAN Number	:	AAATC0188R
TAN Number	:	DELC07910A
VAT Number	:	07850377383
Service Tax Number	:	AAATC0188RST004
GST Number	:	07AAATC0188R1ZB
ARN Number	:	AA0704170398232
Contact Person	:	Invoice : <a href="mailto:manisha.chawla@cii.in">manisha.chawla@cii.in</a> GST : <a href="mailto:dheeraj.jain@cii.in">dheeraj.jain@cii.in</a>
Bank Account Details	:	Standard Chartered Bank Account No. 52205035775 IFSC : SCBL0036020



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		MICR : 110036002
Overseas Transfers	:	SWIFT code: SCBLINBB DEL
		IBAN No. (GBP): GB42SCBL60910451997017
		IBAN No. (EUR): DE18512305000018506203
		ABA No. (USD): 026002561
		Sort Code (SCB London): 609104

- 7.2.3 Monitor the candidate's research work.
- 7.2.4 Ensure the candidate adheres to the planned milestones.
- 7.2.5 Allow the candidate to pursue the PhD full time.
- 7.2.6 Evaluate the progress and provide letters of recommendation, upon satisfactory achievement of milestones, for the continuation of the candidate's fellowship.
- 7.2.7 Inform CII within 10 days in case of change of industry mentor.
- 7.2.8 Provide necessary expertise, technical guidance and support to the candidate.

**7.3 <Institute name>**

- 7.3.1 Ensure the candidate is not availing any other fellowship / salary apart from the Prime Minister's Fellowship.
- 7.3.2 Research guide from the assigned academic institute should monitor the candidate's research work and ensure the candidate adheres to the planned milestones.
- 7.3.3 Research guide to inform CII in case the candidate is not meeting the expected targets / not dedicating sufficient time or effort to the project / applying for leaves / travelling for research work / internships.
- 7.3.4 Inform CII in case the candidate wishes to terminate his / her fellowship prematurely for personal, professional or other reasons.
- 7.3.5 Appoint a point person for coordinating the management of this scheme with CII.



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**7.4 <Candidate name>**

- 7.4.1 Observe good practices in relation to data management, protection and security.
- 7.4.2 Submit annual progress report by end of every year.
- 7.4.3 Inform CII in case of change in contact information.
- 7.4.4 Submit the certificate on quarterly basis in the form of undertaking that he /she is not in availing any other benefit other than the given scheme or is not carrying out any other assignment than the subject research project failing which he / she will be liable for action as per the discretion of CII.
- 7.4.5 Acknowledge the contribution of SERB, DST, Government of India and CII in facilitating their research in all publications, presentations and any work related to research under the Fellowship.

**8 Yearly Review Mechanism**

- 8.1 The yearly review of the project will be done during December-February every year.
- 8.2 The candidate will submit a progress report, by end of every year, signed by the research guide and industry mentor with their respective letters of recommendation for the continuation of the grant.
- 8.3 The progress report to include:
  - 8.3.1 Progress with reference to experimental work giving details of experimental setup, methods adopted, data collected (supported by necessary tables, charts, diagrams and photographs).
  - 8.3.2 Summary of achievements as per the yearly milestones mentioned in this MoA. Additionally can also mention about any new findings/ significant developments etc.
  - 8.3.3 Work remaining to be undertaken.



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**9 General**

- 9.1 The Prime Minister's Fellowship for Doctoral Research for the candidate starts from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017, and is for a maximum period of four years thereafter.
- 9.2 The grant money will be transferred to the candidate's account by the end of every month by the institute / CII.
- 9.3 The grant money transferred to the candidate will be for the previous month.
- 9.4 Recipients of Prime Minister's Fellowship must acknowledge the contribution of SERB, DST, Government of India and CII in facilitating their research in all their publications, presentations and any work related to their research under the Fellowship.
- 9.5 Any dispute arising out of this will be taken care of by the Apex Council for the Prime Minister's Fellowship Scheme for Doctoral Research. If the dispute remains unresolved then final arbitration will rest with Secretary, DST.
- 9.6 The Prime Minister's Fellowship shall be tenable for a maximum period of four years or completion of the PhD programme (i.e. till the final defence of the PhD thesis), whichever is earlier.
- 9.7 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 CII within two weeks of such a situation coming to his / her attention. In such situations, CII will have the right to defer (for a maximum period of nine months) or close the Fellowship.
- 9.8 SERB and CII reserve the right to revise the Terms and Conditions of this scheme at any time.
- 9.9 Neither SERB, nor CII or Apex Council or the Government of India can be held legally liable for breach of trust by candidates, institute or industry.
- 9.10 The Fellowship would stop if the industry expresses disinterest or ceases to continue its financial support to the candidate under the Prime Minister's Fellowship Scheme for Doctoral Research.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have put their hands on the day \_\_\_\_, month \_\_\_\_\_ and year \_\_\_\_\_ aforementioned at New Delhi.

1<sup>st</sup> Party

2<sup>nd</sup> Party

3<sup>rd</sup> Party

4<sup>th</sup> Party

On behalf of CII

Candidate

On behalf of company On behalf of institute

Name:

Name:

Name:

Name:

Designation:

s/d/o:

Designation:

Designation: