

## **LIST OF CANDIDATES PROVISIONALLY RECOMMENDED TO RECEIVE PRIME MINISTER’S FELLOWSHIP FOR DOCTORAL RESEARCH**

Following candidates have been provisionally recommended to receive the Prime Minister’s Fellowship for Doctoral Research, as per the meeting of the Apex Council held on January 2018. Their final selection will be subject to fulfilment of the Terms and Conditions appended below.

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Institute</b>	<b>Partner Company</b>
1.	Antala Virali	Anand Agricultural University	Solar Agrotech Private Limited
2.	Chhavi Sharma	CSIR-National Physical Laboratory, Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR)	Laser Science Services (I) Pvt Ltd.
3.	Devika Sondhi	Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi	Microsoft Research India Pvt. Limited
4.	Heerak Chugh	Prof. Ramesh Chandra Drug Discovery and Development Laboratory Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi	PS3 Laboratories LLP
5.	Himani Punia	College of Basic Sciences & Humanities, Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar	Shakti Vardhak Hybrid Seeds Pvt. Ltd.
6.	Kaleemullah Khan B	Islamiah College (Autonomous) Vaniyambadi, Thiruvalluvar University	Bhat Bio-Tech India (P) Ltd

7.	Khushali Sudhirbhai Parekh	Institute of Pharmacy, Nirma University, Gujarat	Eris Lifesciences Ltd.
8.	Pal Rajendrakumar Patel	Division of Biological and Life Sciences, Ahmedabad University	Brichem Sciences Pvt. Ltd
9.	Pratik Shailendra Kakade	Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai	Encube Ethicals Pvt. Ltd
10.	Radhakrishna Surabhi	Osmania University, Hyderabad, Telangana	Novo gold seeds Pvt. Ltd.
11.	Rafiya Mushtaq Zargar	Sher Kashmir University of Agricultural Science and Technology- Kashmir	Jain Irrigation Systems Limited
12.	Rajatha K.D	Gandhi Krishi Vignana Kendra, University of Agricultural Sciences	Bayer Seed Private Limited
13.	Ramya Venkatesan	Bharathidasan University	VVD and Sons Private Limited
14.	Sonam Vijay Sancheti	Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai	Asian Paints Limited
15.	Sukhada Satish Shevade	Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai	Amaterasu Lifesciences LLP
16.	Sumit Saha	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	Intel Corporation
17.	Utkarsh Sharma	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	Shakti Pumps (India) Limited
18.	Vijeta Dwivedi	Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology-CSIR, Holta	Dabur India Limited
19.	Kherdekar Pranav Vivekrao	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi	Thermax Ltd

**Terms and Conditions**

## **Eligibility**

- 1) Candidates should be registered 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.
- 2) 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.
- 3) The proposed research topic should qualify on criteria of industrial relevance.
- 4) The candidate should be willing to work in / with industry on specific projects.
- 5) 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**

- 6) 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.
- 7) All publications / patents by the Fellow, arising from the work under this Fellowship must contain an acknowledgement of funding from SERB, Industry and CII or FICCI (respective co-ordinating industry chambers).
- 8) The Organization/Institute/University should ensure that the technical support / financial assistance provided to them by the Science & Engineering Research Board, a statutory body of the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India should invariably be highlighted / acknowledged in their media releases as well as in bold letters in the opening paragraphs of their Annual Report.

- 9) In addition, the fellow/host Institute must also acknowledge the support provided to them in all publications, patents and any other output emanating out of the project/program funded by the Science & Engineering Research Board, a statutory body of the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India.

### **Review Process**

- 10) The Fellow will be required to submit a written progress report to the Apex Council every academic year.
- 11) Based on this, there will be an annual review of the progress made.
- 12) 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 other Institute**

- 13) 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**

- 14) 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.
- 15) 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 CII or FICCI (respective co-ordinating industry chambers for each cases) will be informed immediately.
- 16) 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 CII or FICCI (respective co-ordinating industry chambers).

- 17) 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 or FICCI (respective co-ordinating industry chambers) within two weeks of such a situation coming to his / her attention. In such situations, CII or FICCI (respective co-ordinating industry chambers) will have the right to defer (for a maximum period of nine months) or close the Fellowship.
- 18) 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 Chairman- SERB.
- 19) Good practices will be observed in relation to data management, protection and security.
- 20) It is the responsibility of the Fellow to inform CII or FICCI (respective co-ordinating industry chambers) of any change of address, telephone, or e-mail within two weeks of any such change.
- 21) SERB reserve the right to revise the Terms and Conditions of this scheme at any time.
- 22) Neither SERB, nor CII or FICCI (respective co-ordinating industry chambers) 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**

- 23) Subject to the compliance of the host institute with these terms and conditions and to the receipt by CII or FICCI (respective co-ordinating industry chambers) of satisfactory reports on the progress of the Fellowship. The Fellowship will be paid to the candidate directly every month by CII or FICCI (respective co-ordinating industry chambers).
- 24) The Fellow will be required to submit Progress Report every year duly authenticated by the concerned guide and industry mentor.

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