

Frequently Asked Questions while filling the Application Form

1. How will the Online Application work?

Candidates need to refer to Annexure I for Application Form details. All the required documents and details needed to be given should be collected before filling the online application.

2. 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?

Yes, if all data is lost you will need to refill the form. 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.

3. 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 have registered for fulltime 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

4. What are the requisite details an applicant needs to fill in?

Refer to Annexure I (Application Form Details).

5. 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 is facilitating 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. If the company contacts CII, we will contact the applicant.

6. 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.

7. Can CII supply a list of relevant companies in my field?

No. CII cannot supply any list of companies. Candidates are required to do their own research in finding the names of relevant companies. They can visit CII website www.cii.in to look for any sectoral information they may require.

8. If an applicant submits the form, can it be submitted again?

Refer to point number 9.6.2. 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.

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

A proposal once evaluated by the Apex council and rejected, will not be reconsidered.

10. 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 and cc: neha.gupta@cii.in.