

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

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The 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 15th February 2023. Their final selection will be subject to fulfillment of the Terms and Conditions appended below.

S.No	Candidate Name	Name of Partner Company	Comments
1	Ms Aashlesha Chekkala <i>Research Scholar at</i> Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani	Birla Carbon	Recommended
2	Mr Akalesh <i>Research Scholar at</i> Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS)	Peptomer Therapeutics Private Limited	Recommended
3	Ms Ami Ghanshyambhai Patel <i>Research Scholar at</i> Faculty of Pharmacy, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda	DWD Pharmaceuticals Limited	Recommended
4	Ms Bikkasani Mythri <i>Research Scholar at</i> Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana	Corteva Agriscience	Recommended
5	Ms Joshna M <i>Research Scholar at</i> Dr. M.G.R. Fisheries College and Research Institute, Tamil Nadu Dr. J.Jayalalithaa Fisheries University (TNJFU)	Murugappa Fish Feeds	Recommended
6	Ms Komalben Gvaldas Lakhani <i>Research Scholar at</i> College of Agriculture, Junagadh Agricultural University	Solar Agrotech Pvt Ltd	Recommended
7	Mr Om Prakash Raigar <i>Research Scholar at</i> Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana	NGB Diagnostics Private Limited	Recommended

8	Ms Pooja Murthy S <i>Research Scholar at</i> Kittur Rani Chennamma College of Horticulture, Arabhavi	Synthite Industries Pvt. Ltd.	Recommended
9	Mr Pritish Raj Shukla <i>Research Scholar at</i> Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani	Birla Carbon India Private Limited	Recommended
10	Mr Purnima Bangalore Ramesh <i>Research Scholar at</i> M. S. Ramaiah Institute of Technology, Visvesvaraya Technological University	Image Labels Pvt Ltd	Recommended
11	Mr Riyaz Ashraf Sofi <i>Research Scholar at</i> SKUAST-Kashmir	Advance Tech India Pvt. Ltd	Recommended
12	Ms Ruchi Bishnoi <i>Research Scholar at</i> College of Agriculture, Agriculture University Kota	Suraj Cropsciences Limited	Recommended
13	Mr Samridhhi Gupta <i>Research Scholar at</i> Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi	Elucidata	Recommended
14	Ms Shanvi Srivastava <i>Research Scholar at</i> Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi	Stmicroelectronics	Recommended
15	Ms Shivam Aggarwal <i>Research Scholar at</i> Regional Centre for Biotechnology, Faridabad	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited	Recommended
16	Ms Sneha Ratnakar Shetty <i>Research Scholar at</i> Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai	Godavari Biorefineries Ltd	Recommended
17	Ms Spoorti Tirki <i>Research Scholar at</i> College of Horticulture, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot	Jain Irrigation Systems	Recommended

18	Mr Sreejith S <i>Research Scholar at</i> CSIR-AcSIR National Chemical Laboratory, Pune	Corporate Research & Development Centre (CRDC)- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited	Recommended
19	Mr Sunilbhai Kantibhai Patel <i>Research Scholar at</i> N. M. College of Agriculture, Navsari Agricultural University	Western Agri Seeds Ltd	Recommended
20	Mr Vedhanarayanan V <i>Research Scholar at</i> CSIR - AcSIR National Aerospace Laboratories, Bengaluru	Atul Ltd	Recommended
21	Ms Zarrin Navid Khan <i>Research Scholar at</i> Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay	Epsilon Advanced Materials Pvt Ltd	Recommended
22	Mr Avik Ghosh <i>Research Scholar at</i> Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad	Kalki Communication Technologies Pvt. Ltd.	Recommended
23	Ms Shilpa U <i>Research Scholar at</i> CSIR-Central Electrochemical research Institute, Karaikudi	Amara Raja Batteries Pvt Ltd	Recommended

Terms and Conditions

Eligibility

1. Candidates should have taken admission in full-time PhD course, for not more than 14 months from the date of application on the SERB-CII PM Fellowship portal, 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.

Review Process

8. The Fellow will be required to submit a written progress report to the Apex Council every academic year.
9. Based on this, there will be an annual review of the progress made.
10. 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

11. 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

12. 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.
13. 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 will be informed immediately.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. Good practices will be observed in relation to data management, protection and security.

18. It is the responsibility of the Fellow to inform CII of any change of address, telephone, e-mail or bank detail within two weeks of any such change.
19. SERB and CII reserve the right to revise the Terms and Conditions of this scheme at any time.
20. Neither SERB, nor CII 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

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