

## **FAQs for WISE-Ph.D**

1. Who is PI?  
Principal Investigator (PI) is the WISE-PhD Fellow, i.e., the applicant.
2. What is the last date for application submission?  
The portal is open throughout the year for proposal submission.
3. What is the age limit for WISE-PhD?  
27-45 years
4. Is there any relaxation in the lower age limit?  
No, there is 3 years relaxation in the upper age limit for SC/ ST/ PH candidates.
5. I am not registered for Ph.D. Can I apply?  
Yes, subject to other eligibility criteria.
6. I am registered for Ph.D. and receiving fellowship, am I still eligible to apply?  
No
7. I am in 3rd /4th /5th year of Ph.D. Am I eligible to apply?  
No
8. Is research paper mandatory to apply in WISE-PhD?  
No
9. Where should I apply?  
<https://onlinedst.gov.in>
10. Where do I get the guidelines and formats for applying?  
Please visit  
[https://onlinedst.gov.in/Documents/ProjectProposalFormat/SchemeId\\_2319\\_Advertisement\\_WISE\\_PhDwithInstructionSheet\\_ePMS\\_Revised.docx](https://onlinedst.gov.in/Documents/ProjectProposalFormat/SchemeId_2319_Advertisement_WISE_PhDwithInstructionSheet_ePMS_Revised.docx)
11. Who will register for WISE-PhD at the online portal?  
PI should register/ apply.
12. Institute where I register for Ph.D. and Implementing Institute of WISE-PhD; are the same?  
Yes.
13. Should Ph.D. guide/ supervisor be the same as Scientist mentor?  
Yes
14. Can I change the topic of the proposal during Ph.D. registration?  
Only minor modifications may be possible. Before applying, the applicant should finalize the topic and plan of work with the scientist mentor.
15. Can the duration of WISE-PhD exceed 5 years?  
No

16. Can the duration of WISE-PhD be less than 5 years?

Yes

17. I have filled the application online. Do I need to fill the Proposal format provided in the Formats section also?

Yes. The docx and pdf file of the offline proposal available in formats is to be mandatorily uploaded in the Submission section of the Online form.

18. For technical issues in filling the form whom should I contact?

[pmsd.dst@nic.in](mailto:pmsd.dst@nic.in)

19. Do I need to send hard copies of proposal to DST?

No

20. In how much time can I expect the result of my submission?

Around 6 months