

Department of Science and Technology WISE-KIRAN Division https://dst.gov.in/

WISE Fellowship for Ph.D. (WISE-PhD)

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) is starting a new programme 'WISE Fellowship for Ph.D. (WISE-PhD)' under 'Women in Science and Engineering-KIRAN (WISE-KIRAN)' Scheme with aim to provide opportunity to carry out Ph.D. in Basic and Applied Sciences. The project proposals are invited under 'WISE-PhD' programme from unemployed women who desire to pursue Ph.D. with this fellowship.

Subject Areas: Support is available in 5 subject areas namely, i) Physical & Mathematical Sciences; ii) Chemical Sciences; iii) Life Sciences; iv) Earth & Atmospheric Sciences, and; v) Engineering & Technology.

Eligibility: Women who want to register themselves for Ph.D. or already registered in Ph.D. but not getting any fellowship are eligible to apply in WISE-PhD programme for financial support. It is mandatory to register for Ph.D. within 6 months of receipt of the recommendation letter. Following are primary eligibility criteria:

- **a. Qualification:** The applicant should have M. Sc./ M. Tech. or equivalent degree like B. Tech., M.Phil., M. Pharm. etc. in basic and applied sciences from a recognized University/ Institute.
- **b.** Age: The age should be 27-45 years. However, there is 3 years of age relaxation in the upper age limit for SC/ ST/ PH candidates.
- c. Employment: Women in regular employment are not eligible for WISE-PhD.

Project Duration: The project is tenable for a maximum period of five (5) years or till submission of Ph.D. thesis, whichever is earlier.

Emoluments: The fellowship amount under WISE-PhD programme is Rs.31,000/- along with House Rent Allowances as per norms, a Research Grant of Rs.1.00 lakh per year, and Institutional Overhead Charges as per DST norms.

Selection Process: A preliminary screening will be done of the project proposals received under WISE-PhD and final selection would be made as per the recommendations of the Subject Expert Committees (SECs). The final decision of DST will be communicated to the applicants only after obtaining due administrative and financial approvals.

How to apply: The call is open throughout the year for proposal submission under WISE-PhD at ePMS (<u>https://onlinedst.gov.in</u>). The proposal format is available at <u>https://dst.gov.in</u>, <u>https://onlinedst.gov.in</u> and <u>'https://online-wosa.gov.in</u>' under WISE-KIRAN Division.

For detailed information, please refer WISE-PhD Guidelines at <u>https://dst.gov.in</u> and <u>https://online-wosa.gov.in</u>. For further clarification email at <u>enquiry-wosdst@gov.in</u>.

Last Date of Submission: Proposal submission is open throughout the year.