Ministry of Science and Technology
Department of Science and Technology

DST Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy Fellowships

Background and motivation

Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) are now recognized as playing a significant role in advancing human, social and economic development and meeting the aspirations of people and nations across the world. As a result, understanding STI processes and exploring ways to strengthen them is a major strand of intellectual activity, evinced by the explosion of literature on these topics in the last decade. Department of Science and Technology (DST) recognized the importance of evidence-driven research and analysis in underpinning the effective achievement of the objectives of this policy and established DST Centers for Policy Research (CPRs) in various academic institutions across the country. These centers are engaged in targeted research in number of key areas relevant to the country, train young scholars in STI policy research, and contribute towards providing inputs to DST.

As the country is lagging behind in terms of critical mass and proper structure of policy research institution(s), Policy Research Cell of DST announces **STI Policy Fellowship Programme**. The fellowship programme is initiated with the broad objective of (a) enhancing human resources that can engage with and contribute to the STI policy domain and (b) strengthen the knowledge base, think tank, and evidence based policy making. The fellowship may provide an opportunity to develop the skills for young scientists and engineers who are interested in engagement with the STI policy domain and/or as STI policy researchers. This programme aims to attract and encourage top-quality researchers as Postdoctoral Fellow (5 numbers) and Junior Research Fellow (5 numbers) to work on the issues pertaining to STI policy and contribute their knowledge and analytical skills in the policy realm.

Candidates with background of science/medicine/engineering/social science (with a background of STI policy) academic scholars, STI policy researchers, with good academic record are required to submit a copy of application in prescribed format available at DST website **www.dst.gov.in**. The application should be sent to **Dr Akhilesh Mishra,** Scientist D, Department of Science and Technology, Technology Bhawan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi 110 016 by speed post. A soft copy of proposal should also be mailed at akhilesh.mishra@nic.in.

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