



**Department of Science and Technology
WISE-KIRAN Division**

WIDUSHI

(Women's Instinct for Developing and Ushering in Scientific Heights and Innovation)

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) is implementing several women centric programmes under its umbrella scheme 'Women in Science and Engineering-KIRAN (WISE-KIRAN)' in order to provide different opportunities to women in Science & Technology (S&T) domain. In this line, a new programme 'WIDUSHI (Women's Instinct for Developing and Ushering in Scientific Heights & Innovations)' is started by DST for senior women scientists to harness their knowledge and potential for betterment of Science and Society. WIDUSHI programme aims to encourage and support senior women scientists to conduct research in interdisciplinary areas of Science and Technology.

Proposal are invited from senior women scientists in following scientific disciplines, viz. (i) Physical and Mathematical Sciences, (ii) Chemical Sciences, (iii) Life Sciences, (iv) Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, (v) Engineering and Technology and (vi) S&T based Societal Research.

Target group: The target group is categorized in following 2 categories:

- (a) Category-A: Retiring or retired women scientist
- (b) Category-B: Senior women scientists who are not in regular employment

Eligibility: Following are primary eligibility criteria:

(1) Employment:

- (a) Women scientists who are permanent employee but retiring in a year or already retired/superannuated from government academic/research institutions.
- (b) Women who are not permanent employee in any institution but working temporarily and have completed two independent research projects as Principal Investigator.

(2) Age: 57–62 years (for Category A) and 45–62 years (for Category B).

(3) Qualification: Women scientists having Ph.D. in Basic/Applied Sciences or equivalent degree.

(4) Research experience: Minimum 2 R&D projects as Principal Investigator with excellent track record.

(5) Publications: Minimum 20 research publications (for Category A) and minimum 10 research publications (for Category B) with impact factor.

Project duration: Maximum 5 years.

Emoluments: The Programme provides fellowship to the Principal Investigator @ Rs 75,000 per month (for Category A) and @ Rs 85,000 per month (for Category B), One Research Assistant, Research Grant of Rs 5.0 Lakh per year and Institutional overhead charges @ Rs 1.00 lakh per annum.

Selection process: The project proposals received will be screened and Principal Investigator (PI) of 'screened in' proposals will be called for presentation before Programme Advisory Committee for final recommendation. The final decision of DST will be communicated to the applicants only after obtaining due administrative and financial approvals.

Where to apply: The proposal can be submitted at ePMS (www.onlinedst.gov.in). The proposal format is available at www.dst.gov.in, www.onlinedst.gov.in and online-wosa.gov.in under WISE-KIRAN Division.

For detailed information, please refer WIDUSHI Guidelines at www.dst.gov.in and online-wosa.gov.in. For further clarification e-mail at enquiry-wosdst@gov.in.

Last date of submission: Proposal submission is open throughout the year.