The Department of Science & Technology (DST) is starting a new programme 'WISE Fellowship for Ph.D. (WISE-Ph.D.)' 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-Ph.D.' 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 and Mathematical Sciences, (ii) Chemical Sciences, (iii) Life Sciences, (iv) Earth and Atmospheric Sciences and (v) Engineering and 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-Ph.D. programme for financial support. It is mandatory to register for Ph.D. within 6 months of receipt of 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-Ph.D.

**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-Ph.D. programme is Rs 31,000 along with House Rent Allowances as per norms, 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-Ph.D. 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-Ph.D. 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 WISE-Ph.D. 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.