AcSIR invites applications from students enrolled for Ph.D program under AcSIR at any of its Academic Centres/Associate Academic Centres for the **AcSIR – RMIT, Australia Joint (Cotutelle Ph.D) Program, 2021**.

ABOUT THE AcSIR - RMIT FELLOWSHIP

The student selected for the program must undertake between 6 and 12 months of the Program at RMIT's Melbourne Campus in the final stages of candidature;

RMIT would provide scholarship to cover the cost of full tuition and a standard living stipend at standard RMIT rates;

RMIT will meet, at reasonable cost, of selected candidate's international travel in economy class, but such travel must not be booked without the prior approval of RMIT.

Accordingly, each candidate will be responsible for arranging at his/her own cost, the necessary visa, accommodation, internal travel in Australia, health and travel insurance, and other incidental expenses arising out of the Program.

Further, it is to be noted that as per standard academic rules of Australia, the selected students would require clearance of IELTS with a score of 6.5 or above and it would be the responsibility of the interested students to obtain such certification at their own cost.

Also, the Thesis title and a Synopsis of the research work , along with their application, would be required to be submitted for supervisor identification and allocation by RMIT.

However, the scope and extent of provisions are liable to change by AcSIR or RMIT, if both the organizations so decide.

ELIGIBILITY

1. The applicants, registered for Ph.D under AcSIR at its academic centres/associate academic centres and having a valid National-Level Fellowships or funding, are ONLY eligible to apply. Applicants with temporary/permanent employment at any organization (including industry-sponsored) are not eligible to apply.

2. The applicant should have completed at least 2 consecutive semesters of Ph.D enrolment at any of the AcSIR Academic Centres/Associate Academic Centres and should be in their 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th semester of AcSIR-Ph.D enrolment (*i.e., Admission batch of January 2018, August 2018, January 2019 or August 2019*).

3. The applicants should have completed all their Academic Coursework (*min. 12 credits except the 400 Level courses*) and successfully cleared their Ph.D Comprehensive Examination (*as on January 07, 2021*).

4. The completed application forms (with attachments in hard-copy), should be submitted to the AcSIR Coordinator of the institute where the applicant is enrolled for Ph.D. Self-attested copies of all the academic information (degrees, marksheets, awards, etc) should be attached with the application.

The Applications are to be forwarded by the AcSIR Coordinator, with approval of the concerned Lab Director to Director, AcSIR (director@acsir.res.in) with copy marked to Associate Director (Student Affairs) (ad_studentaffairs@acsir.res.in) latest by **January 25, 2021** for further processing.

Important Notes for Attention:

1. Mere eligibility does not entitle any applicant for their induction in the program;
2. Director, AcSIR may relax any condition of eligibility in any special case, situation or merit including any relevant inputs or opinion of concerned RMIT Officials;
3. Even if a candidate is selected under the program, final enrolment would be subject to the concurrence of concerned RMIT Officials;
4. Candidates enrolled in the joint Ph.D. program would have to comply the degree requirements of both RMIT as well as AcSIR, as applicable and amended from time to time, till the candidates completes the degree program.
5. It is advisable that candidates should have an IELTS with threshold Score thereof, as, besides other values, it could be helpful in many respects including convenience to get Visa for Australia;
6. Enrolment and pursuance of the program would be completely provisional unless the candidate is issued the Visa and visits RMIT for the pursuance of the program;
7. Other standard and extant terms and conditions apply.