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Secretary



Ministry of Human Resource Development  
Department of Higher Education  
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Dear Director,

As you are aware that the Government of India has launched the Prime Minister' Research Fellows (PMRF) in February, 2018 with the objective of attracting meritorious students from IISc, IITs, NITs, IIITs and IISERs to pursue Ph.D programmes in IISc Bangalore, IITs and IISERs with attractive rates of fellowship ranging from Rs.70,000/- to Rs.80,000/- per month in addition to an annual Research Grant of Rs.2.00 lakh per student per year for five years. The guidelines of PMRF were revised to make the scheme more inclusive by allowing students from all recognized Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) in the country to apply under the Scheme. In the three calls of proposals we have had so far, only 295 fellows have been selected as against the envisaged target of 3000 fellows over a period of three years.

In order to attract good number of meritorious students to join PMRF Scheme, I request you to ask faculty members in your institute to identify potential students in final year; having at least 8 CGPA, and mentor and guide them in preparing projects/abstracts so that they are able to meet the selection criterion. Each Institute/University may include the number of students mentored and selected into the PMRF Scheme as one of the performance parameter in the MoU which you are required to enter into with MHRD each year.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

(R. Subrahmanyam)

The Directors of all Higher Educational Institutions under MHRD