

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Thiruvananthapuram
(IISER TVM)

Applications are invited for Prime Minister Research Fellows (**PMRF**) through **DIRECT ENTRY CHANNEL**. The eligible candidate may also opt for PMRF while submitting the PhD application form.

To apply for PMRF through this channel, the candidate must satisfy all of the following criteria:

(1) One of the following criteria must be satisfied in the preceding three years from the date of submission of the application:

- (a) Completed or be pursuing the final year of 4-/5-year undergraduate or 5-year integrated M.Tech. or 2-year M.Sc. or 5-year undergraduate-postgraduate dual degree programs in Science and Technology streams from IISc/IITs/NITs/IISERSs/IEST and centrally funded IITs. The candidate should have secured a CGPA/CPI of at least 8.0 (on a 10-point scale).

For applicants in the 5-year integrated or dual degree programs, if separate CGPAs/CPIs are awarded for UG and PG parts of the program, the CGPA/CPI of the UG part (first four years) will be considered.

OR

- (b) Completed or pursuing final year of 4-/5-year undergraduate or 5-year integrated M.Tech. or 5-year integrated M.Sc. or 2-year M.Sc. or 5-year undergraduate-postgraduate dual degree programs in Science and Technology streams from any other Institute/University recognized in India, not covered in 1(a) above. The candidate should have secured a minimum CGPA of 8.0 or equivalent apart from a minimum score of 650 in the respective GATE subject.

OR

- (c) Qualified GATE and pursuing or completed M.Tech./MS by research at one of the PMRF Granting Institutions with a minimum CGPA or CPI of 8.0 (on a 10-point scale) at the end of the first semester with a minimum of four courses. For such candidates

applying after the first semester, the CGPA or CPI requirement of 8.0 will be based on all the courses, labs and the thesis that the candidate has completed.

- (2) Candidate may apply for Ph.D. programme in one of the PMRF granting institutes and get selected in the programme.
- (3) Candidate can only get admission in those institutes where he/she has got selected and wishes to seek admission (i.e., selection in one institute and availing PMRF in some other institute that does not support the student for PMRF will not be allowed).
- (4) The candidates will be judged based on, but not restricted to, research exposure, publications, performance in international competitions (like Math. Olympiad, ACM ICPC Programming Contest), grades and recommendation letters.
- (5) Within 12-18 months of admission into the PhD programme, the progress of the candidate will be reviewed by the PMRF panel, and continuation of PMRF will be subject to candidate's satisfactory performance.