

Frequently Asked Questions

INSPIRE -SHE (Scholarship for Higher Education)

1. What is this Scholarship?

This is known as SHE (Scholarship for Higher Education) instituted by Ministry of Science and Technology and Department of Science and Technology, Government of India in 2008.

2. Who are eligible for this Scholarship?

Students with aggregate marks with in top 1% of their Second year PUC (Science) Examination, in March 2011 and are in receipt of Note issued by the Department of P.U Education are eligible.

In addition, the eligible candidates have joined a degree College and studying courses in Natural/Basic Sciences at B.Sc, B.Sc (Hons) integrated M.Sc/M.S Programs in any of the recognized institutions in India.

3. Who are not eligible for this Scholarship?

Students who have joined Engineering, Medical, Agricultural Sciences, Computer Sciences, Electronics and Bio-Medical Sciences are **not eligible**.

4. What is the Scholarship amount and type of support?

Eligible candidates will receive annually Scholarship @ total value of Rs. 80,000 Per candidate. The cash value payable to the SHE Scholarship holders is Rs. 60,000 Per annum along with a summer time attachment fee of Rs. 20,000 will be paid to the mentoring institution for undertaking summer time project.

5. Can you explain the terms of summer projects to be undertaken by all the SHE Scholars?

The main objective of INSPIRE/SHE program is to encourage young students to pursue Research as a career. In order to inculcate scientific values and develop scientific temper, the scholars are required to enroll in a

Summer Research Project every year in recognized research centers of their choice across India, preferably outside their parent institution.

The DST provides Rs.20000/- Per annum to the mentoring institutions as a bench fee to accommodate the INSPIRE scholar. After completion of the project, the candidate should send the following documents to the DST:

- (a) A letter attested by the Research Guide and Head of Institution where the scholar is enrolled for the project and
- (B) A brief report outlining the objectives and results of his/her project.

1. How long will this support continue?

Selected candidates will be supported for a maximum period of five years starting 1st year course in B.Sc., B.Sc. (Hons) and integrated course leading to M.S or M.Sc. or the completion of the course whichever is earlier. Continuation of the scholarship for once selected candidates is based on performance of the examination conducted and certified by the institution imparting education.

7. Is there an age limit for applying to SHE ?

The candidate should be 17 to 22 years of age at the time of application.

8. Who will identify the candidates who come under with in top 1% the cut off threshold?

The Department of P.U Education will do this. For the year 2011,the Department of Pre-University Education has already identified the candidates who come under this category. A Note has been already sent to these candidates. The list of the eligible candidates is hosted on the website also.

9. Where will this application form be available?

Application Format with all tables are available at the website: www.inspire-dst.gov.in and also in www.pue.kar.nic.in .

10. When should this filled in application form be sent?

It should be sent by ordinary post only within 90 days from the date of the advertisement in Newspaper. The call for application is advertised in major

Newspapers. Students can also check ww.inspire.dst.gov.in for regular updates.

11. Who should this application form be sent to?

Filled Application form with all the necessary documents should be submitted to

The Director,
National Institute of Science Technology and
Development studies (NISTADS)
Dr. K.S. Krishnan Marg
New Delhi 110012.

12. When will the selection of candidates be intimated?

On an average it takes three to four months from the last date fixed. The list of the selected candidates will be announced on DST Website. An official letter will be sent from DST to the student's permanent address

13. Will students receive this Scholarship?

The selected candidates will receive their annual scholarships in at least two installment (2 X Rs 30,000 per annum) through State Bank of India via the **SMART CARD mode**

13. What is SMART CARD.?

Smart card is like any other ATM card specially designed by the State Bank of India to disperse the scholarships to the selected candidates. The scholars can withdraw their scholarship from the SBI ATM's, across India.

14. Should a candidate open a savings Bank Account with SBI to operate his SMART CARD.?

It is not necessary for the scholar to have any account with the SBI. The SMART card is operable in ATM's of any Bank across the country.

15. Who will issue the SMART CARDS?

The Department of Science and Technology will write a letter to all the SHE Scholars and get the required documents. Candidates have to fill e-z application form and send it. After processing the same 'DST' will issue the SMART CARD.

16. Who should SHE-Scholars contact if there is any problem in getting this Scholarship?

SHE Scholars should contact
Ms. Rupashree Dash/Dr.S.V. Prasanna
DST, Technology Bhavan
New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi 110016.
Phone Nos: 011-26590487 , 011-26590268

17. What is the role of the Department of P.U Education in this?

Department of P.U Education conducts Second Year PUC Examination. It identifies the students who will be within the cut off threshold (top 1% in science stream) and be eligible for this. It sends a note to all the eligible candidates for creating awareness. It publishes the list of all eligible candidates for this Scholarship, Thus it performs the role of a facilitator. This scheme is introduced to engage young talents for the study of Science and Technology and pursue research as a career. Department would like to spread this message.