Department of Science and Technology
Ministry of Science and Technology
Government of India

Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE)

Scholarship for Higher Education (SHE)

(**A component under INSPIRE**)

Call for Applications under SHE (2025)

Department of Science & Technology (DST) has taken several pioneering initiatives for attracting meritorious students to study basic and natural sciences at the college and university level and to pursue research careers in both basic and applied science areas including engineering, medicine, agriculture and veterinary sciences through various components under INSPIRE scheme.

Under **INSPIRE-Scholarship for Higher Education (INSPIRE-SHE)** component, scholarships are offered to pursue undergraduate (UG) studies and continue up to postgraduate(PG) studies, based on Class 12th standard examination results (top 1%) of respective Boards or within eligible rank in chosen few competitive examinations such as JEE (Main)/JEE (Advanced) and NEET (within top 10,000 rank), NTSE, Jagadish Bose National Science Talent Search (JBNSTS), International Olympiad medalists and securing admission in science stream (in any of science courses or their combination out of the identified subjects in the list attached as Annexure-1 in any recognized College/University/Academic Institution in the country.

Applications are invited for the year 2025, from eligible candidates within the age group (17-22) years for INSPIRE Scholarship under Scholarship for Higher Education (SHE) component of INSPIRE scheme of DST through the web-portal https://www.online-inspire.gov.in

Eligibility:

(a) Meritorious Students with aggregate marks within top 1% of their Class XII examination of any State/ Central Board (i.e. In the year 2025 pass out only) in India are eligible to apply (Refer Annexure-2 for better understanding and reference purpose only). In addition, the student must be pursuing courses in Natural and Basic Sciences at the B.Sc., B.S., B.Sc. with Research (4 years) and Int. M.Sc./M.S. level.

(or)

(b) Those students who have secured ranks in the IIT-JEE (Main or Advanced) and NEET (within top 10,000 rank) and are presently pursuing Natural and Basic Science courses in India at the B.Sc., B.S., B.Sc. with Research (4 years), Int. M.Sc./M.S. level.

(or)

(c) National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) scholars, JBNSTS scholars and International Olympiad medalists pursuing Bachelor/ Master level courses in Natural and Basic Science courses are also eligible.

- PLEASE NOTE THAT STUDENTS WHO HAVE PASSED CLASS XII EXAMINATION IN THE YEAR 2025 ONLY WILL BE CONSIDERED.
- During the selection process, preference shall be given to the students enrolled in Integrated M.Sc. and BS-MS programmes who are within Top 1% of the respective State/Central Education board to strengthen the supply chain for doctoral degree. Following this, students securing a rank within/upto 10,000 in competitive examinations such as IIT-JEE (Main and Advanced) and NEET, or qualify NTSE/JBNSTS or International Olympiad Medalist(s) who are enrolled in B.Sc. General/B.Sc. (Hons.)/B.S. /Int. M.Sc. /Int. M.S shall be selected within the respective state/central Education board quota. Following this, students enrolled in B.Sc. General/B.Sc. (Hons.)/B.S. who are within Top 1% of the respective State/Central Education board shall be selected within the allocated quota.

Emoluments: The scholarship amount under SHE component is 5,000/- p.m. (Rs. 60,000/- per annum) and Mentorship Grant will be provided only for 2 years (3rd and 4th year of Scholarship @ Rs. 20,000/- per annum).

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How to apply: Interested and eligible students must apply and submit their application with all essential documents through **ONLINE** mode only. Applications are to be submitted online on INSPIRE web-portal **https://www.online-inspire.gov.in**.Those interested in submitting application have to register at this portal and submit the application online**. Please read guidelines available on the portal carefully before submitting the application.** This web- portal will be open from **7th November 2026** to **7th December 2026 (till 23:59 hrs. IST)** for submission of applications. For further enquiries regarding INSPIRE-SHE component, please send email to: **inspire.prog-dst@nic.in.**

Note: All the students (Students taking admission under the 16 Institutes (IITs, IISERs, NISER, IISc Bangalore, UM-DAE-CBS Mumbai, Visva-Bharti) earlier covered under Institute mode) need to apply against the INSPIRE SHE-2025 advertisement only.

Documents Required along with Application:

Before filling application form, please scan and store following documents as separate files. These need to be uploaded as required during the "Online Application" process:

Sl. No.	Name of Document	Type	Maximum Size
1.	**Passport size photograph** (*Mandatory*)*	JPEG	50 KB
2.	**Class X Mark Sheet or Certificate**, for proof of Date of Birth. (*Mandatory*)*	PDF	1 MB
3.	**Class XII Mark Sheet** (*Mandatory*)*	PDF	1 MB
4.	**Endorsement Form signed by the Principal of College/Director of Institute/Registrar of University** *(Mandatory*)*	PDF	1 MB
5.	**Eligibility Note/Advisory Note** if provided by the State/Central Board (*Not Mandatory*)	PDF	1 MB
6.	**Certificate specifying Rank or Award in IIT-JEE//NEET (Under 10,000 rank) /JBNSTS/ NTSE / International Olympic Medalists** *(if applicable)*	PDF	1 MB
7.	Any other supporting documents	PDF	1 MB

Last Date of Application Submission: 7th December, 2026.

Annexure-1

Subjects List under Scope of INSPIRE Scholarship

Undergraduate Level

1. Physics 2. Chemistry 3. Mathematics 4. Biology 5. Statistics 6. Geology 7. Astrophysics 8. Astronomy 9. Electronics 10. Botany 11. Zoology 12. Biochemistry 13. Anthropology 14. Microbiology 15. Geophysics 16. Geochemistry 17. Atmospheric Sciences 18. Oceanic Sciences 19. Environmental Science, 20. Biotechnology, 21. Bioinformatics, 22. Biostatistics, 23. System biology, 24. Data Science 25. Materials Science, 26. Nanoscience, 27. Life Sciences and 28. Earth Sciences.

Post-graduate Level

1. Physics 2. Chemistry 3. Mathematics 4. Biology 5. Statistics 6. Geology 7. Astrophysics 8. Astronomy 9. Electronics 10. Botany 11. Zoology 12. Biochemistry 13. Anthropology 14. Microbiology 15. Geophysics 16. Geochemistry 17. Atmospheric Sciences 18. Oceanic Sciences 19. Environmental Science, 20. Biotechnology, 21. Bioinformatics, 22. Biostatistics, 23. Remote Sensing and GIS, 24. Data Science 25. Materials Science, 26. Nanoscience, 27. Bio-Physics 28. Ecology**,** 29. Marine Biology, 30. Genetics**,** 31. System biology 32. Geoinformatics/Geospatial Science 33. Life Sciences 34. Earth Sciences and 35. Plant Molecular Biology.

Selection Process:

The evaluation of SHE online applications is through Board Inclusive model based on total number of students appeared in Class XII in State/Central Education Boards across the country.

Board Inclusive model:
State/Central Education board-wise Quota = (Class XII Board appeared data of particular State and Central education board / Total number of students appeared in Class XII education board across the country) *12000. Please see the Annexure-2:

Annexure-2

INSPIRE-SHE 2025 Education Board Wise Quota/Allocation of Numbers

S.N.	State & Central Board Education Name	State & Central education Board Name	Total Appeared Students in Class 12th	Board Wise Quota
1	Aligarh Muslim University, Office of the Controller of Examinations (R.P Unit)	AMU	3493	03
2	Board of Intermediate Education	Andhra Pradesh	434185	358
3	Assam Higher Secondary Education Council	Assam	301411	249
4	Academic Section Banasthali Vidyapith, (Banasthali)	Banasthali Vidyapeeth, Rajasthan	827	01
5	Bihar School Examination Board	Bihar	1280082	1056
6	Central Board of Secondary Education	CBSE	1692775	1397

7	Council of Indian School Certificate Examination	CISCE (ICSE)	99551	82
8	Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education	Chhattisgarh	238101	196
9	Delhi Board of School Education	DBSE, Delhi	1971	02
10	Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education	Goa	15237	13
11	Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board	Gujarat	536375	443
12	Board of School Education Haryana	Haryana	193828	160
13	Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education	Himachal Pradesh	86049	71
14	Summer Zone of J&K (BOSE)	Jammu & Kashmir	103308	85
15	Jharkhand Academic Council	Jharkhand	347898	287
16	Department of Pre-University Education	Karnataka	655033	541
17	Kerala Board of Higher Secondary Education	Kerala	401024	331
18	Board of Secondary Education Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh	645052	532
19	Maharashtra State Board of Secondary & Higher Secondary Education	Maharashtra	1495679	1234
20	Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur	Manipur	28909	24
21	Meghalaya Board of School Education	Meghalaya	29258	24
22	Mizoram Board of School Education	Mizoram	12105	10
23	Nagaland Board of School Education	Nagaland	16649	14
24	Council of Higher Secondary Education Odisha	Odisha	382729	316
25	Punjab School Education Board	Punjab	265388	219
26	Board of Secondary Education Rajasthan	Rajasthan	878312	725
27	Directorate of Government Examination Tamil Nadu	Tamilnadu	792494	654
28	Telangana State Board of Intermediate Education	Telangana	462446	382
29	Tripura Board of Secondary Education	Tripura	21443	18
30	U.P. Board of High School and Intermediate Education	Uttar Pradesh	2538922	2095
31	Uttarakhand Board of School Education Uttarakhand	Uttarakhand	106345	88
32	Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan	Visva-Bharti	185	01
33	W.B. Council of Higher Secondary Education	West Bengal	473919	390
	Grand Total		**14540983**	**12000**

Instructions for filling Online Application

1. Applications must be submitted through online mode only. No application will be accepted in other than online mode.

2. To apply Online, please visit the website: https://www.online-inspire.gov.in and follow the process prescribed therein.

3. Online application submission process shall start from **7th November 2026** to **7th December 2026 (till 23:59 hrs. IST) (till 23:59 hrs. IST)**. Please click the link below to download the guidelines for filling up On-line applications: **https://online-inspire.gov.in/Announcement**

4. Applicants are advised to take a print out of submitted online application for own records. Please do not send application or any other documents by Post.

5. Incomplete or wrongly filled up application or application lacking essential documents shall be summarily rejected.

7. Applicant's own valid and functional email address (should not provide third party email e.g. Cybercafe, Internet Centre etc.) must be used for registration and submission of online application. Status of application shall be informed only through INSPIRE Web Portal. Applicant needs to login into own (registered) account to view the status.

8. Do not submit more than one application. Please ensure that all aspects of application are correct before submitting.

9. Endorsement Form template is also available on our INSPIRE-SHE announcement. Applicants can download Endorsement Form from INSPIRE portal **https://online-inspire.gov.in/Announcement**

10. Any legal proceedings in respect to any matter of claim or dispute arising out of this advertisement and/or application can be lodged only in Delhi Courts/ Tribunals/ Forums. Delhi Courts /Tribunal/Forums only shall have the sole and exclusive jurisdiction to try any case/dispute.

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