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MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

4th ADVERTISEMENT-2013 (1) INSPIRE Faculty Scheme: a component of "Assured Opportunity for Research Career (AORC)" under INSPIRE.

The Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, launched the "Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE)" [<http://www.inspire-dst.gov.in>] program in 2008. The program aims to attract talent for study of science and careers with research. INSPIRE includes many components for different age groups. The importance of Assured Career Opportunity in R&D sector has been recognised. **INSPIRE Faculty Scheme** opens up an "Assured Opportunity for Research Career (AORC)" for young researchers in the age group of 27-32 years. The upper age limit as on **1st January 2013** should be 32 years for considering support for a period of 5 years. However, for SC and ST candidates the upper age limit will be 35 years. It offers contractual research awards to young achievers and an opportunity for independent research in the near term and emerge as future leaders in the long term.

- Each selected INSPIRE Faculty shall be eligible to receive a consolidated amount equivalent to the entry level salary of an Assistant Professor in any IIT system as an award amount, in addition to a Research Grant of Rs. 7 lakhs per year. The INSPIRE Faculty Award is tenable for a maximum period of 5 (five) years.
- Three routes i.e. Direct (A), Nomination (B) and Institution mode are available for applying by the eligible candidates.
- Under '**Institutions Mode**', reputed academic institutions shall be required to adopt and complete the internal process as per guidelines and mechanisms available for the INSPIRE Faculty Award before forwarding names of pre-selected candidates for final selection by the Apex Committee.
- Eligible candidates, who wish to be considered in '**Direct (A)**' or '**Nominated (B)**' routes, may send applications directly to **Indian National Science Academy (INSA), New Delhi** for consideration.
- Nominations from academic institutions or Industry R&D through Vice-Chancellors/Directors of Institutions/Heads of Institutions/Presidents and Fellows of Science Academies or Eminent Scientists from India and Abroad based on personal knowledge are to be sent to the **Indian National Science Academy (INSA), New Delhi**.
- Application from eligible candidates choosing **Direct Mode (A)** and **Nominated Mode (B)** must apply in the prescribed format complete in all respects with hard copies of the necessary enclosures to **The Executive Director, Indian National Science Academy (INSA), Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002** on or before **28th February 2013**.

[For Detailed Guidelines and Format etc., please visit website: www.inspire-dst.gov.in]