

## **Institute Early Career Research Fellow**

The Institute Early Career Research Fellow is established to recognize and support outstanding doctoral scholars of DAU who have demonstrated excellent research productivity and scholarly impact during their PhD. This prestigious fellowship offers a unique opportunity to continue independent research at DAU following the successful submission of the PhD thesis (when the thesis is under review), with the aim of nurturing the next generation of researchers.

### **1. Eligibility Criteria**

#### **Publications**

The applicant must have a minimum of **two peer-reviewed publications as first author**, arising from the PhD research conducted at DAU. These publications must be accepted or published in SCImago (SJR, [www.scimagojr.com](http://www.scimagojr.com)) Q1 or Q2 category journals, and/or A/A\*/B category conferences (based on core.edu or Aminer rankings) at the time of publication. At least **one of these publications must be in a Q1 category journal or an A/A\* category conference**. The other submission must be in a Q1 or Q2 category journal, or an A/A\*/B-category conference, or a DAU-approved conference (prepared by the Dean-Research office).

#### **Thesis Submission**

The applicant must have officially **submitted their PhD thesis within five years from the date of admission to the PhD program at DAU**. The date of official thesis submission, as certified by the Office of the Dean-AP, will be considered for eligibility.

### **2. Duration of Fellowship**

- The **duration of the fellowship will be one year (not extendable)** for students who submit their thesis **within 4.5 years with two publications** as mentioned in the eligibility criteria.
- The **duration of the fellowship will be (Twelve - X) months (not extendable)** for students who submit their thesis **within 5 years (4.5 years + X months) with two publications** as mentioned in the eligibility criteria.

### **3. Fellowship Grant and Travel Support**

- Monthly Fellowship: **A consolidated monthly fellowship** of INR 75,000/- (to be revised and announced by the institute from time to time). No HRA.
- Travel Grant: A grant of INR 1,00,000 will be provided to each Fellow to support the presentation of their research at national or international conferences. The grant may be



used to cover registration fees, air travel, visa charges, and daily allowance, in accordance with the existing CPDA policy of the institute. Fellows may also combine this grant with any unutilized financial assistance received during their full-time PhD at DAU for participation in national/international conferences. The travel grant is **valid only during the one-year duration of the fellowship** and will be administered through the Office of the Dean-Research following standard procedures.

- Accommodation: On-campus hostel accommodation may be provided, subject to availability and as per institute norms.

#### 4. Research Work and TAship

- The Early Career Research Fellow must be hosted by a DAU faculty mentor (preferably the PhD supervisor or another faculty member in a related area) who will oversee the fellow's research activities during the tenure.
- The fellow is expected to engage in full-time research and produce quality outputs, including journal/conference publications.
- All fellows will be assigned Teaching Assistantship (TA) duties for one course per semester, in alignment with the institute's academic requirements.

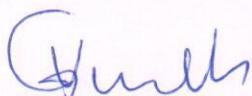
#### 5. Application Procedure

Applications must be submitted **within one month** of the official PhD thesis submission date to the Office of the Dean-AP via email, along with the following documents-

- Curriculum Vitae.
- List of Publications based on the PhD work (with DAU affiliation).
- PhD Thesis Submission Certificate (provided by the office of Dean-AP).
- Recommendation Letter from a prospective Faculty Supervisor under whom the research work will be carried out.
- Research Proposal prepared jointly with the Faculty supervisor.

#### 6. Selection Process

Applicants who meet **both eligibility criteria**, i.e. completion of the PhD thesis within five years and a minimum of two publications as first author based on PhD research at DAU (of these, at least one must be in a Q1-ranked journal or A/A\* conference) and who submit all required documents will be awarded the Fellowship.



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