

**Notification for the AcSIR–Deakin University, Australia Joint Ph.D  
(Cotutelle) Degree Program, 2023**

Applications are invited for the AcSIR–Deakin University, Australia, Joint PhD (Cotutelle) Program, 2023 from students currently enrolled in the Ph.D program of AcSIR at any of its Academic Centres/Associate Academic Centres.

**FELLOWSHIP DETAILS**

The selected students, as a part of their PhD program, will have to spend a maximum of 12 months residency at Deakin University at Melbourne, Australia. The applicants, selected for the Joint PhD degree program (Cotutelle), will be provided with an international return air-fare by economy class, monthly fellowship (as living expenses), health insurance coverage and full tuition-fee waiver for the duration of their attendance in the program at Deakin University.

The selected candidates have to bear the expenses for visa, accommodation & internal travel in Australia, travel insurance, and other incidental expenses.

**MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY**

1. The applicants should be enrolled for Ph.D under AcSIR at its Academic centres/Associate academic centres and having a valid National-Level Fellowship (JRF/SRF). Applicants with permanent employment (including sponsored category of students) are not eligible to apply;
2. The following category of applicants would be exempted from the minimum eligibility condition of “having a valid National-Level Fellowship” in item # 1 above:
  - a) Students enrolled in PhD (Engineering Sciences), including students of PhD-part of Integrated Dual Degree Program (IDDP- M.Tech+Ph.D);
  - b) Project Assistants or equivalent enrolled as Regular Students in AcSIR PhD program
3. The applicants should have completed their AcSIR-PhD comprehensive examination by June 30, 2023;
4. Applicant should be no more than 30 years of Age (as on June 30, 2023);
5. Applicants of *AcSIR-PhD Admission batch of August-2022, January-2022 and August-2021* only are eligible to apply;
6. IELTS (International English Language Testing System) - Minimum overall score of 6.5 with no individual score lower than 6.0 (*although the students can apply but would get enrolled in this program, if selected, only after this eligibility criterion is met*).
7. AcSIR Ph.D students who were earlier selected for any AcSIR Joint Ph.D program (with UWA or RMIT, Australia) are not eligible to apply.

**HOW TO APPLY**

The complete signed application form (in the attached format), both in hard & soft copy, should be submitted to the AcSIR Coordinator of the institute, where the applicant is enrolled for Ph.D. The applicants must attach a one-page synopsis of their on-going Ph.D research-work, including a tentative PhD thesis title and highlighting the objectives and the intended scope of PhD research work (in not more than 250 words), along with their application.

The applications, complete in all respects, along with the comprehensive examination report are to be emailed by the AcSIR Coordinator to [admission.jdp@acsir.res.in](mailto:admission.jdp@acsir.res.in) with a copy Senior Manager ([arpita.acsir@acsir.res.in](mailto:arpita.acsir@acsir.res.in)) latest by June 30, 2023.

The scope and extent of provisions of this program are liable to change by AcSIR or Deakin University.

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### **Important points for the Applicants**

1. Applications are invited only from eligible AcSIR PhD students, whose broad domain of PhD research is related to the following research-areas, namely, ***Energy (materials & devices); Smart Manufacturing (smart materials); Future Sustainable Infrastructure; Agriculture, Ecology, Water, Environment & Biotechnology; Critical Technology; Technology for Health-care.***
2. Candidates enrolled in the program would have to comply by the academic requirements for PhD degree of both Deakin, as well as AcSIR, as applicable from time-to-time.
3. The selection process would be conducted jointly by AcSIR and Deakin University. However, only the selected applicants will be informed directly by Deakin University.
4. The applicants should not communicate directly with any Deakin University officials or faculty. All queries should be emailed only to AcSIR-HQ (admission.jdp@acsir.res.in).