

**ACADEMY OF SCIENTIFIC AND INNOVATIVE RESEARCH  
&  
ROYAL MELBOURNE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY**

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**Notification for AcSIR, India – RMIT, Australia Joint Ph.D (Cotutelle) Fellowship Program, 2023**

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

**ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP**

The selected students, as a part of their AcSIR PhD program, will have to spend a maximum of 12 months at RMIT's Melbourne Campus. The selected students will be provided international return airfare by economy class, monthly fellowship and overseas student health cover, for the duration of candidates' attendance at RMIT University.

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

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. The applicants, registered for Ph.D under AcSIR at its academic centres/associate academic centres and having a valid National-Level Fellowships, are eligible to apply. AcSIR students in temporary positions (including Project Assistants) and with permanent employment(including industry-sponsored) are not eligible to apply;
2. The Students enrolled in PhD (Engineering Sciences), including students of PhD-part of Integrated Dual Degree Program IDDP- (M.Tech+Ph.D), would be exempted from the minimum eligibility condition of “having a valid National-Level Fellowships”;
3. The applicant should have successfully completed the AcSIR - PhD comprehensive examination by August 07, 2023. Applicants in their 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> semester of AcSIR-Ph.D enrolment are only eligible to apply. The AcSIR Ph.D students of the following admission batches are eligible to apply:
  - a. Regular Ph.D admission batches- August 2020, January 2021, August 2021, January 2022 and August 2022
  - b. IDDP admission batches - August 2018, January 2019, August 2019, January 2020 and August 2020

**HOW TO APPLY**

The completed application form 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 work with a tentative PhD thesis title, highlighting the objectives and the intended scope of PhD research work (in not more than 250 words) along with their application. Self-attested copies of all the academic information (degrees, marksheets, awards, etc) should be attached with the application.

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The applications, complete in all respects, along with the comprehensive examination report are to be emailed by the AcSIR Coordinator to the [admission.jdp@acsir.res.in](mailto:admission.jdp@acsir.res.in) with a copy to the Senior Manager ([arpita.acsir@acsir.res.in](mailto:arpita.acsir@acsir.res.in)) and latest by **August 07, 2023**.

The scope and extent of provisions are liable to change by AcSIR or RMIT.

**Important Notes for Attention:**

1. The student will receive intimation directly from RMIT University about their selection.
2. Candidates selected and enrolled in this joint Ph.D. program would have to comply with the degree requirements of both RMIT as well as AcSIR, as applicable and amended from time to time.
3. AcSIR Ph.D students who were earlier selected for any AcSIR Joint Ph.D degree fellowship Program are not eligible to apply, irrespective of whether they have availed the Joint Ph.D degree Program fellowship.
4. Director, AcSIR may relax the eligibility in any special case, based on any relevant inputs or opinion of the concerned RMIT University Officials.