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No. AcSIR/8/3(1)-2023-1

February 27, 2024

**Office Memorandum**

**Subject: Publication Requirement for Project Assistants in AcSIR Ph.D. Admissions –  
Revision thereof**

References:

- (i) AcSIR O.M. AcSIR/8/3(1)-2023-1 dated December 18, 2023 on *Eligibility criteria for “Project Assistants” being considered for admissions to AcSIR Ph.D program – Revision thereof*

The Director, AcSIR, has approved the modification of clause (ii)(b) of the referenced O.M. (copy in Annexure) as under:

*Existing clause (ii) (b):* Project Assistants who have not qualified any National level Examination, will need to have at least one publication in a SCI journal with substantial research contribution as a co-author;

*Modified clause (ii) (b):* Project Assistants who have not qualified any National level Examination, will need to have at least one publication in a SCI journal with substantial research contribution as a co-author by the day of application.

All other eligibility criteria shall remain unchanged, as per O.M. AcSIR/8/3(1)-2023-1 dated December 18, 2023.

This OM is issued with the approval of the Director, AcSIR.

  
Manager, AcSIR

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No. AcSIR/8/1(1)-2023-1

December 18, 2023

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Eligibility criteria for “Project Assistants” being considered for admissions to AcSIR Ph.D program – Revision thereof**

*Ref: AcSIR OM No. AcSIR/8/1(1)-2023-1 dated 17.03.2023 bearing the subject “Revision of eligibility criteria for “Project Assistants” being considered for admissions to AcSIR Ph.D program”.*

As per the decision of the AcSIR Senate at its 31<sup>st</sup> meeting held on November 01, 2023, the above referenced OM (copy in Annexure) is revised as under:

- (i) Only those exceptionally bright Project Assistants working in the Institutes may be considered for admission to AcSIR Ph.D program who have been in temporary employment as a Project Assistant in a sanctioned R&D project in the same Institute for at least one year (one year will be determined as on the last date of admission confirmation by payment of fees, as notified by AcSIR for each Academic Session in which the Project Assistant intends to seek admission for Ph.D), and can only apply with the prior permission of the PI of the project and concurrence of the Director of the Institute;
- (ii) **(a) Project Assistants who have qualified any PhD qualifying National level Examination (NET-LS, GATE, BET, JEST, etc.), even without eligible fellowship, will be exempted from the eligibility criteria of having one publication;**
- (ii) **(b) Project Assistants who have not qualified any National level Examination, will need to have at least one publication in a SCI journal with substantial research contribution as a co-author;**
- (iii) The Project Assistants who are being considered for admission to the AcSIR Ph.D program, must fulfil the eligibility conditions. The Screening and Selection committee, constituted as per rules of AcSIR, must evaluate the knowledge of the candidate in the subject and research capabilities critically;
- (iv) The financial assistance from the project to the applicant should be valid for at least one year from the notified date of commencement of the academic session for which the applicant is seeking PhD admission;
- (v) The selection shall be made on the basis of an oral examination by the Selection Committee constituted at the Institute, which shall be considered equivalent to a written examination;
- (vi) On completion of their tenure of the R&D project from which the student was drawing his/her fellowship, the student may be given an option to continue in the Ph.D program without a fellowship, with approval of the Director of the concerned Institute, failing which their admission in the Ph.D program will stand cancelled.

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The revised eligibility conditions will be effective from the admission session of August 2024.

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No. AcSIR/8/1(1)-2023-1

March 17, 2023

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Revision of eligibility criteria for “Project Assistants” being considered for admissions to AcSIR Ph.D program**

The AcSIR Senate, at its 30<sup>th</sup> meeting held on February 13, 2023 (vide item No. 41), approved the revision of eligibility criteria for “Project Assistants” being considered for admissions to AcSIR Ph.D program, in partial modification of the *AcSIR OM No. AcSIR/8/1(1)-2022 dated 15.03.2022 bearing the subject “Clarifications on the AcSIR Ph.D eligibility criteria for “Project Assistants”, as detailed under:*

- (i) Only those exceptionally bright Project Assistants working in the Institutes may be considered for admission to AcSIR Ph.D program who have been in temporary employment as a Project Assistant in a sanctioned R&D project in the same Institute for at least one year (one year will be determined as on the last date of admission confirmation by payment of fees, as notified by AcSIR for each Academic Session in which the Project Assistant intends to seek admission for Ph.D), and can only apply with the prior permission of the PI of the project and concurrence of the Director of the Institute;
- (ii) The Project Assistant must have at least one publication in a SCI-indexed journal with substantial research contribution and only as a first or second author of the publication;
- (iii) The Project Assistants who are being considered for admission to the AcSIR Ph.D program, must fulfil the eligibility conditions. The Screening and Selection committee, constituted as per rules of AcSIR, must evaluate the knowledge of the candidate in the subject and research capabilities critically;
- (iv) The financial assistance from the project to the applicant should be valid for at least one year from the notified date of commencement of the academic session for which the applicant is seeking PhD admission;
- (v) The selection shall be made on the basis of an oral examination by the Selection Committee constituted at the Institute, which shall be considered equivalent to a written examination;
- (vi) On completion of their tenure of the R&D project from which the student was drawing his/her fellowship, the student may be given an option to continue in the Ph.D program without a fellowship, with approval of the Director of the concerned Institute, failing which their admission in the Ph.D program will stand cancelled.

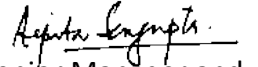
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This order would be applicable for the admission session of August 2023 and onwards and would remain valid till further notice.

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