

**ACADEMY OF SCIENTIFIC AND INNOVATIVE RESEARCH, INDIA**  
&  
**DEAKIN UNIVERSITY, AUSTRALIA**

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**AcSIR, India – Deakin University, Australia**  
**Joint Ph.D (Cotutelle) Degree Program (JDP), 2025**

Applications are invited from students currently enrolled in the Ph.D program of AcSIR at any of its affiliated Research Institutions for the AcSIR – Deakin University, Australia, Joint PhD (Cotutelle) Fellowship Program, 2025. The Joint PhD degree program (JDP) will focus primarily on the following broad research areas:

- Energy
- Critical technologies (Artificial Intelligence/ Machine Learning, Cyber Security etc)
- Additive Manufacturing
- Technology for Healthcare
- Agriculture and Environment
- Climate change adaptation and sustainability
- Future infrastructure

**ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP**

The selected students, as a part of their AcSIR PhD program, will have to spend a maximum of 12 months at Deakin University, Australia. The selected students will be provided international return airfare by economy class, overseas student health cover, visa application fees, full tuition fee waiver and a scholarship of \$34,400 per annum (tax exempt) only during their 12 months study period at Deakin University.

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. The applicants (only Indian National), should be enrolled for Ph.D under AcSIR affiliated Research Institutes in any subject faculty;
2. Applicants should have completed their DAC I and are in their 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> semester of their AcSIR-Ph.D enrolment (on the date of their submission of application).  
Accordingly, The eligible Ph.D admission batches are:
  - a) Regular Ph.D admission batches - January 2023, August-2023 and January-2024
  - b) IDDP admission batches - January 2021, August-2021 and January-2022
3. The selection of candidates shall be subject to the following before their enrolment in the JDP program-
  - a) passing the AcSIR comprehensive examination
  - b) passing the IELTS (with a minimum overall band-score of 6.5 and with no individual band-score lower than 6.0).

AcSIR students employed on permanent positions (including industry-sponsored) or on temporary positions (including Project Assistants) at the time of application are not eligible to apply.

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## **HOW TO APPLY**

The completed application form (in the specified format) 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 300 words) along with their application.

The applications, complete in all respects, along with the comprehensive examination report (if completed), are to be emailed by the institute's 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)) latest by October 15, 2024.

### **Important Notes for Attention:**

1. In addition to the AcSIR application form, please complete the Deakin University online pre-assessment form by following the link provided below- [Pre-Assessment Form for Jointly Supervised PhD Programs \(JDPs\) with Deakin University](#)
2. Students are strongly advised to reach out to the Deakin University faculty members from their identified research area to obtain their consent to supervise their PhD, before applying for the program.  
<https://www.deakin.edu.au/research/why-choose-deakin-for-your-research-degree/find-a-research-supervisor>
3. If selected, students must fulfil a minimum enrolment requirement of 2 years and a maximum of 4 years in the JDP program.
4. The student will receive intimation directly from Deakin University about their selection.
5. Candidates selected and enrolled in this joint Ph.D. program would have to comply with the degree requirements of Deakin as well as AcSIR, as applicable and amended from time to time.
6. Deakin University will not be liable for any financial assistance to the JDP students, upon returning to India, after completing their 12-month fellowship at Deakin University.
7. As per the agreement, AcSIR is not liable for any financial assistance to students during their tenure in the Joint PhD degree program. Students must ensure that their fellowship is reactivated (if applicable) by the Indian funding agency according to its rules, after their return to India.
8. The provisions of the JDP are liable to change by AcSIR or Deakin University.

It is mandatory to complete the online form of the Deakin University using the link provided above, in addition to submitting the AcSIR application for the consideration of your candidature.