

**ACADEMY OF SCIENTIFIC AND INNOVATIVE RESEARCH (AcSIR)**  
&  
**ROYAL MELBOURNE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY (RMIT)**

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**AcSIR, India – RMIT, 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 – RMIT University, Australia, Joint PhD (Cotutelle) Fellowship Program, 2025.

**ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP**

The selected students, as a part of their PhD program, will have to spend a maximum of 12 months at the RMIT University, Australia. The selected students will be provided international return airfare (economy class), decent monthly fellowship (living expenses), overseas student health cover and full tuition fee waiver, for the duration of attendance at the RMIT University.

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. The applicants (only Indian National), should be registered for Ph.D under AcSIR under any subject faculty at one of its affiliated Research Institutes;
2. Applicants in their 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> semester of AcSIR-Ph.D enrolment on the date of their submission of application and have completed their DAC I. 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 passing the comprehensive examination before enrolment in the program.
4. Applicant must meet the [RMIT's English language proficiency standards](#) before enrolment in the program.

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.

**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.

The application, 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 **November 11, 2024**.

**Important Notes for Attention:**

1. Students can reach out to the RMIT University academic staff members from their research area to obtain their consent to supervise their PhD.
2. If selected, students must fulfil a minimum enrolment requirement of 3 years in this JDP program, before submission of thesis.
3. The student will receive intimation directly from the RMIT University about their selection.
4. Shortlisted candidates must apply through the [RMIT application portal](#) using the standard 2-step process. They are required to meet both [RMIT's English language proficiency standards](#) and the [minimum admission criteria](#) (refer to section under eligibility criteria).  
Please visit the [Contact the School of Graduate Research \(RMIT\) page](#) for contact information.
5. Candidates selected and enrolled in this joint Ph.D. program would have to comply with the academic requirements for the PhD degree of RMIT as well as AcSIR, as applicable from time-to-time.
6. The provisions are liable to change by AcSIR or RMIT University.

**Important Note:** *Eligible students may apply for multiple international Joint PhD Programs offered by AcSIR to enhance their chances of selection in any one of the programs. However, once an offer from any Joint PhD program is accepted, they will no longer be eligible to accept offers from other Joint PhD programs.*