

# Scheme Document



## **Part I: Indo-French Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme for Women in Science (PROWIS-I)**

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## **Guidelines & Framework for Implementation**

### **1.0 Preamble:**

Department of Science & Technology (DST) was established in May 1971, with the objective of promoting new areas of Science & Technology and to play the role of a nodal department for organising, coordinating and promoting S&T activities in the country.

Indo-French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research (CEFIPRA/IFCPAR) is India's first and France's only bilateral organization outside France which has been in existence since 1987, committed to promote collaboration between the scientific communities of the two countries across the knowledge innovation chain. CEFIPRA is equally funded by Department of Science & Technology, Government of India and the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, Government of France.

The mandate of the Centre is to promote collaborative research between India and France in cutting edge Science and Technology through research projects, seminars/workshops and PPPs. There is a built in mechanism to support the doctoral and post-doctoral students through the supported projects for building core competence in specific areas. The number of doctoral and post-doctoral students supported under these projects depends on the number of projects approved every year by CEFIPRA.

Realizing the importance of researchers/scientists mobility in Indo-French S&T Cooperation, as per the recommendation of second edition of "Women in Science" seminar jointly organized by CEFIPRA and CNRS in Paris during 24-25 September, 2018 and the subsequent approval of Governing Body of CEFIPRA, Centre wishes to implement dedicated Women Post-Doctoral Fellowship Programme for the young women scientists of both the countries.

### **2.0 Scope & Objectives:**

Indo-French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research (IFCPAR/CEFIPRA) has proposed to initiate a programme of Post-Doctoral Fellowship for Women candidates to work with the Indian/French scientific communities with an aim to accelerate the talented instincts of the women candidates to carry out the advanced studies and research in the frontier areas of S&T. The scope and objectives of this fellowship programme are to:

1. Promote and encourage Indo-French women researchers who represent the future of science, supporting them to pursue their research career in Indian and French research institutions in advanced areas of S&T

2. Provide women scientists both from India and France access to networks, resources, and knowledge to empower them to reach their full potential

3. Create a network of women scientists who can provide mentorship and be role models for the next generation of women leaders in S&T

The selected women scientists can also work under CEFIPRA supported projects. The individuals availing this fellowship would be called as “**Indo-French PROWIS Fellow**”

### 3.0 **Details of Fellowship:**

The Centre proposes six Fellowships (3 Indian & 3 French) each under postdoctoral and visiting programme to be funded every year. However, as per the availability of funds, CEFIPRA may consider to increase/decrease number of fellowships.

<b>Proposed Target Group</b>	Fellowship will be dedicated to <b>Women Doctorates</b> who have completed their PhD and willing to work in Indian/ French institutions/universities
<b>Duration</b>	Women Doctorates both from India and France can avail this Fellowship for the duration of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-4 months postdoctoral fellowship</li> </ul>
<b>Fields of Research</b>	Focussed area of research will be announced every year through an open Call
<b>Proposed Eligibility</b>	<p>Women applicants must be Indian or French citizens (citizens residing in France) from a recognized university or research institution in India/France</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The applicant should be holding a *regular position in a scientific/academic institution</li> <li>• Should not have availed any Post-Doctoral fellowship in France/India during last 5 years</li> <li>• Preference will be given to those candidates who don't have any international exposure</li> <li>• Candidates working on any kind of fellowships are not eligible</li> <li>• No objection certificate from the employer</li> <li>• CEFIPRA may relax the eligibility conditions in case of potential candidates</li> </ul> <p>*(The term “Regular” in the context of this fellowship programme refers to the applicants who are appointed against the sanctioned post or in a tenure post but are likely to be renewed after the end of the tenure)</p>
<b>Application Procedure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CEFIPRA will launch an open Call</li> <li>• Candidates herself has to correspond with the proposed host</li> </ul>

<b>&amp; Documents Required</b>	<p>institute in India/France for her visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications can be submitted by women applicants through online submission system or designated E-mail ID</li> <li>• Detailed description of the Research Proposal (maximum up to 2 pages) in the prescribed format</li> <li>• A CV (maximum up to 2 pages) in the prescribed format</li> <li>• Copy of PhD award degree/certificate</li> <li>• A letter of agreement from host supervisor. The host supervisor of Indian woman applicant should be in France and vice-versa for French applicants.</li> <li>• Research experience letter or publications, if any (first author or co-author)</li> <li>• No Objection Certificate from Head of the Institution where employed</li> <li>• A scan copy of passport (both front and back)</li> <li>• A recent photograph</li> </ul>
<b>Time Line</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launching the call : <i>15 September, 2022</i></li> <li>• Deadline: <i>31 October, 2022</i></li> <li>• Evaluations: <i>November 2022 – December 2022</i></li> <li>• Result: <i>January 2023</i></li> <li>• Starting of fellowship: <i>April 2023 onwards</i></li> </ul>
<b>Proposed Evaluation Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevance of work of the applicant as per the Post-Doc Proposal</li> <li>• Academic and scientific excellence of candidate like GATE score, NET qualified, research experience, list of publications with impact factor of journals (if any), etc.</li> <li>• Added value to the international exchange and future cooperation</li> <li>• Any other criteria suggested by the expert committee</li> </ul>
<b>Selection Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates may be asked join for presentation (through VC) to the Committee comprising members nominated by CEFIPRA</li> </ul>
<b>Fellowship/Salary Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fellowship support of Euros 2000 per month for daily expenses, local travel, accommodation charges &amp; any other miscellaneous/incidental expenses for Indian Fellows</li> <li>• Fellowship support of Rs 90,000/- per month (Consolidated) for daily expenses, local travel, accommodation &amp; any other miscellaneous/incidental expenses for French Fellows</li> <li>• To and fro air ticket in economy class between India and</li> </ul>

	<p>France as per CEFIPRA norms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other incidental charges such as insurance coverage, visa fee, carte de séjour etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Post Fellowship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates to submit detailed scientific work report and fellowship utilization certificate after completion of the fellowship. Expenditure should be incurred strictly in accordance with the guidelines. Re-appropriation of head of expenditure will not be admissible</li> <li>• All publications/presentations in the ambit of the Indo-French Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme for Women in Science (PROWIS) should be duly acknowledged to Indo-French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research (IFCPAR /CEFIPRA)</li> </ul>
<b>Address /Contact</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinates will be provided in the call for applications</li> </ul>

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## **Part II: Indo-French **Visiting Fellowship** Programme for Women in Science (PROWIS-II)**

# **Indo-French Visiting Fellowship Programme for Women in Science (PROWIS)**

## **Guidelines & Framework for Implementation**

### **1.0 Preamble:**

As part of the Indo-French Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme for Women in Science and subsequent approval from 35<sup>th</sup> Governing Body of CEFIPRA, a dedicated visiting fellowship programme has been devised. This programme envisages toward encouraging women scientists/researchers in S&T areas with appreciable track record and having aptitude for applied research and technology development.

### **2.0 Scope & Objectives:**

Indo-French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research (IFCPAR/CEFIPRA) has proposed to initiate a programme of Visiting Fellowship for Women candidates to work with the Indian/French scientific communities with an aim to accelerate the talented instincts of the women candidates to carry out the advanced studies and research in the frontier areas of S&T. The scope and objectives of this fellowship programme are to:

1. Promote and encourage Indo-French women researchers who represent the future of science, supporting them to pursue their research career in Indian and French research institutions in advanced areas of S&T
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The selected women scientists can also work under CEFIPRA supported projects. The individuals availing this fellowship would be called as “**Indo-French PROWIS Fellow**”

### **3.0 Details of Fellowship:**

The Centre proposes six visiting fellowships (3 Indian & 3 French) under this programme to be funded every year. However, as per the availability of funds, CEFIPRA may consider to increase/decrease number of fellowships.

<b>Proposed Target Group</b>	Fellowship will be dedicated to <b>Women Doctorates</b> who have completed their PhD and willing to work in Indian/ French institutions/universities
<b>Duration</b>	Women Doctorates both from India and France can avail this Fellowship for the duration of 15 days

<b>Fields of Research</b>	Focussed area of research will be announced every year through an open Call
<b>Proposed Eligibility</b>	<p>Women applicants must be Indian or French citizens (citizens residing in France) from a recognized university or research institution in India/France</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The applicant should be holding a *regular position in a scientific/academic institution</li> <li>• Should not have availed any Post-Doctoral fellowship in France/India during last 5 years</li> <li>• Preference will be given to those candidates who don't have any international exposure</li> <li>• Candidates working on any kind of fellowships are not eligible</li> <li>• No objection certificate from the employer</li> <li>• CEFIPRA may relax the eligibility conditions in case of potential candidates</li> </ul> <p>*(The term "Regular" in the context of this fellowship programme refers to the applicants who are appointed against the sanctioned post or in a tenure post but are likely to be renewed after the end of the tenure)</p>
<b>Application Procedure &amp; Documents Required</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CEFIPRA will launch an open Call</li> <li>• Candidates herself has to correspond with the proposed host institute in India/France for her visit</li> <li>• Applications can be submitted by women applicants through online submission system or designated E-mail ID</li> <li>• Detailed description of the Research Proposal (maximum up to one page) in the prescribed format</li> <li>• A CV (maximum up to 2 pages) in the prescribed format</li> <li>• Copy of PhD award degree/certificate</li> <li>• A letter of agreement from host supervisor. The host supervisor of Indian woman applicant should be in France and vice-versa for French applicants.</li> <li>• Research experience letter or publications, if any (first author or co-author)</li> <li>• No Objection Certificate from Head of the Institution where employed</li> <li>• A scan copy of passport (both front and back)</li> <li>• A recent photograph</li> </ul>



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