

**Indian Institute of Technology Madras
Office of the Dean (Academic Research)**

Prime Minister's Research Fellowship: Research Grant Guidelines

The Prime Minister's Research Fellowship (PMRF) programme awards each Fellow a research grant of Rs. 2 lakhs per year of eligibility. The fellows can utilize the entire amount on a yearly basis (sans department overhead of 10%) or accumulate this amount and utilize it before the completion of their PMRF tenure, or till the date of submission of Ph.D. thesis, whichever is earlier. This document provides guidelines for the use of this grant, subject to appropriate Institute rules and approval by Research Guide(s) of the Fellow.

This grant could be used for the following:

1. Attending conferences and workshops in India and abroad for presenting a research paper/poster (as per corresponding Institute rules for research scholars with recommendation from the doctoral committee). Support for international conferences outside India would be available only after the successful completion of comprehensive examination.
2. Attending conferences/workshops/seminars/symposium/training/short courses which would contribute to the domain knowledge of the Fellow, with recommendation from the doctoral committee. Support for international events outside India would be available only after the successful completion of Comprehensive Examination.
3. Purchase of books/ebooks/conference proceedings/reprints/journal subscription for academic use.
4. Purchase of consumables and equipment (hardware/software) for academic use.
5. Maintenance, AMC and repair of research instruments/equipment.
6. Cost for fabrication, sample analysis, tests, internet charges, cloud storage, and computation charges.
7. Purchase of desktop computers and/or laptops/tablet/ebook reader/printer/scanner for academic use. These items may be purchased only once during the tenure of the fellowship. For items less than three years old, the institute depreciation rules would be applicable.
8. Payment of annual/life membership dues in up to 2 professional bodies.
9. Support for short-term national and international visits to collaborating research groups. The duration of travel, as well as expenses chargeable will be those applicable to research-scholars at the time.
10. Overlength page charges, publication charges and open-access fees for papers, charges for colour images and language editing charges, published in journals acceptable to the Institute with permission from Dean(AR).

PMRF scholars are not eligible for Institute travel support. They are also not permitted to use Institute funds for the purchase of consumables.

- Rs.20000 (10% of the contingency grant every year) will go to the Department. The approval of the guide and reimbursement to the students will be through a project running in ICSR. The guide will be the PI of the project. The intention of this approach is to have a one-stop mechanism to monitor expenses.
- All the purchases to be carried out through Department Stores, as per the prevalent Institute rules.
- No advance is given for purchases, except in the case of international travel. In case of international travel, the prevalent Institute rules for other research scholars apply.
- Items purchased must be entered in the stock register of the respective department.

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