

## Indo-German Science and Technology Centre (IGSTC): Paired Early Career Fellowship in Applied Research (PECFAR)

### Overview

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#### Programme Description

The Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC), established as a joint initiative of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Government of Germany, invites applications for Paired Early Career Fellowship in Applied Research (PECFAR) from early-career Indian and German researchers to explore, connect and network for research collaboration.

**Overview of the Fellowship:** This fellowship intends to facilitate a pair of early career researchers to have a short visit to India/Germany for networking and exploring avenues for collaboration and innovation in Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM). The pair\* will be formed by an Indian and a German early career researcher who shall submit a joint proposal. The duration of the fellowship will be 1-2 months (minimum 3 weeks). A one-time grant will be provided to cover travel, accommodation and daily expenses. The paired fellows can jointly plan the fellowship visits to the partner country (India/Germany) accordingly. The fellows may also utilise this award to connect and travel to other institutions in India/Germany and strengthen their network.

*\*Applicants are solely responsible for identifying & forming their respective pair and acquiring an acceptance letter from the institute/organisation of the paired fellow.*

#### Target Group

early career researchers holding a regular position in academia/a research institution/industry or holding a long-term nationally recognised fellowship

In the following, the term "Indian or German applicant" does not refer to the nationality but to the location of the company or organisation the applicant/awardee is working at.

#### Academic Requirements

Master's degree in Science/Bachelor's degree in Engineering (4 years)

#### Number of Scholarships

10

#### Duration

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#### Scholarship Value

The financial support shall be provided as a one-time grant and it will be limited to:

- Fellowship: 2,300 EUR per month/fellow
- Single round trip economy class airfare including visa fees and medical/travel insurance, approximately 1 lakh INR (for Indian fellow) and 1,500 EUR (for German fellow)

#### Application Papers

Applications must be sent jointly via email to [pecfar@igstc.org](mailto:pecfar@igstc.org) [mailto:[pecfar@igstc.org](mailto:pecfar@igstc.org)] as a single document. The application format can be downloaded from the website. Applicants can also build their pair through networking and 1:1 matching using B2 Match.

#### Application Deadline

Application deadlines are published on the [website \[https://www.igstc.org/home/pecfar\]](https://www.igstc.org/home/pecfar).

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Age limit: 35 years

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