

**DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
INSPIRE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

**Guidelines for upgradation from JRF to SRF**

1. Under INSPIRE Fellowship program, Fellow will always enter as ‘Junior Research Fellow (JRF)’.
2. Assessment of Fellow for upgradation from JRF to SRF shall be carried out by the Host Institute/ University as per the process given below and, upon assessment, effective date for up-gradation of INSPIRE Fellows from Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) to Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) will be as follows:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Residency period of INSPIRE Fellow as JRF</b>	<b>Date of Assessment after the completion of Residency Period</b>	<b>Uploading of Assessment Report on INSPIRE web-portal</b>	<b>Effective date for upgradation to SRF</b>
1.	One Year (on publication of at least one paper (as 1 <sup>st</sup> Author) in any peer-reviewed WoS indexed journal within one year from the work carried out from Ph.D. at the Host Institute)	within 4 months	within 2 months	The working day following the completion of one year as JRF.
		> 4 months	within 2 months	The working day following the Assessment day on uploading the assessment report within 2 months or otherwise date of upload beyond 2 months.
2.	Two Years	within 4 months	within 2 months	The working day following the completion of 2 years as JRF.
		> 4 months	within 2 months	The working day following the Assessment day on uploading the assessment report within 2 months or otherwise date of upload beyond 2 months.
3.	> 2 Years			The working day following the Assessment day on uploading the assessment report within 2 months or otherwise date of upload beyond 2 months.

3. For upgradation of Fellowship, a three (3) Member Assessment Committee shall be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor/Director/Head of the Host Institute to assess the progress of the concerned INSPIRE Fellow.
4. The Assessment Committee shall include the Research Supervisor of the concerned INSPIRE Fellow and one Faculty from the Host Institution as Members and a DST-nominated Expert who will act as the Chairperson.
5. The host institute need not approach DST for the name of the DST-nominated expert who will be the chairperson of the Assessment Committee. The Host institute may choose one Fellow of any of the following four National Academies as the DST-nominated Expert and the Chairperson of the Assessment Committee subject to i) his/her being in the concerned area of research, ii) his/her being from an institution other than the Host Institution; iii) his/her being not related to the INSPIRE Fellow and/or his/her Research Supervisor; and iv) Research Supervisor of the INSPIRE Fellow not having been his/her research student:
  - Indian National Science Academy (INSA), New Delhi
  - Indian Academy of Sciences (IAS), Bengaluru
  - National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI), Prayagraj, and
  - Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE), Gurugram
6. The expenditure related to such assessment shall not be borne by DST.

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