



**Ministry of Science and Technology**  
**Department of Science and Technology**  
**PCPM Division**

**Call inviting Applications for the 5th Cohort of DST Science,  
Technology, and Innovation (STI) Policy Fellowships**

Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) is known to play a significant role in advancing human, social, and economic development and meeting the aspirations of people and nations across the world. As a result, understanding STI processes and exploring ways to strengthen them, has evolved as a major vertical of intellectual activity, evinced by the recent explosion of literature on these topics. At the same time, significant efforts have been made to link this understanding to better policy making by a range of governmental agencies (both in developed and emerging economies) and inter-governmental organizations.

To build and strengthen an institutional mechanism for a robust evidence-driven STI policy system in India, on the recommendation of the Committee of Experts, the Policy Research Cell of DST (DST-PRC) established DST-Centers for Policy Research (DST-CPRs) in various academic institutions (IISc Bangalore, IIT Delhi, PU Chandigarh, etc). These centers are engaged in targeted research in number of key areas (Annexure-1) relevant to the country, train scholars in STI policy domain, and contribute towards better STI policy making. In addition to that, to create a critical mass of policy professional (research scholars as well as practitioners), in 2016, DST-PRC launched DST-STI-PFP, a flagship policy fellowship program.

DST-STI-PFP provides scientists, engineers and policy enthusiasts, an opportunity to gain exposure from the close quarters of policy making and contribute their knowledge and analytical skills in the STI policy realm. These initiatives started delivering results in various forms of impactful engagements. During the last few years, the initiatives have seen expansion in terms of a) number of fellows involved, b) research footprint/ topics covered, c) national and international engagement, and d) events and capacity building initiatives. This resulted in providing knowledge support to DST and other policy making bodies.

Recognizing the growing demand and the need to bridge the gap between ‘research’ and ‘practice’ in STI policy, DST-STI-PFP offers fellowship opportunities in three different

tracks with a larger scope and thematic coverage. This fellowship will be for a period upto 3 years subject to annual review and extension based on performance evaluation.

**Last date for submission of applications: Friday, 19.02.2021** (the portal will accept the applications till 2359 Hrs IST)

For detailed guidelines and how to apply, kindly visit <https://onlinedst.gov.in/>.

The applications are accepted through **ONLINE** mode only through (<https://onlinedst.gov.in/>). No Need to send the hard copy of the application to DST. For any further information related to the DST-STI-PFP, if needed, may please contact

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