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Dear Sir,


As you are aware that the Government of India has launched the Prime Minister' Research Fellows (PMRF) in February, 2018 with the objective of attracting meritorious students from IISc, IITs, NITs, IIITs and IISERs to pursue Ph.D programmes in IISc Bangalore, IITs and IISERs with attractive rates of fellowship ranging from Rs.70,000/- to Rs.80,000/- per month in addition to an annual Research Grant of Rs.2.00 lakh per student per year for five years. The guidelines of PMRF were revised to make the scheme more inclusive by allowing students from all recognized Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) in the country to apply under the Scheme. In the two calls of proposals we have had so far, only 176 fellows have been selected as against the envisaged target of 3000 fellows over a period of three years.

In this regard, I request you to advise Engineering Universities/ Institutions to take necessary steps to popularize the scheme among students, encourage and motivate them to apply whenever the next call is announced, and groom them to conceptualize and develop good abstracts and detailed proposals relevant to the object of PMRF so that they are selected by the Competent Committee of Experts.

Revised guidelines of the PMRF Scheme are available at website <https://pmrf.in>.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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