

Prime Minister Professorships

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Recently, the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) — the newly constituted body for funding scientific research — has announced the Prime Minister Professorships.

About Prime Minister Professorships

- It is a prestigious initiative aimed at **fostering world-class research and innovation** within emerging institutions.
- It seeks to leverage the expertise of eminent scientists, senior faculty, and accomplished industry professionals to **provide mentorship and support to faculty and students** in less-endowed state universities, thereby strengthening their research and development culture.
- **Objective:** To utilize the extensive knowledge and experience of active, eminent, and superannuated/retired scientists and professionals.
- **Duration:** The tenure of the PM Professorship will be up to 5 years, based on performance evaluated by the expert committee constituted for the purpose.

- **Age limit:** Superannuated on the date of application (no upper age limit)
- **Funding Support:** A PM Professor will receive a fellowship of Rs. 30 lakh plus Rs. 24 lakh as research grant (consumables, domestic travel, contingencies, equipment etc.) per annum. Also, an overhead of a fixed amount of Rs.1 lakh per year to be provided under the program.

Eligibility Criteria for Prime Minister Professorship

- Superannuated faculty or scientists from reputed **Indian institutions**, research laboratories or from **private institutions are eligible to apply**.
- **Overseas scientists**—including **Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)**, **Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs)**, and **Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs)**—are also encouraged to apply under this scheme.
- In addition, professionals from **industry/ experienced Professor of Practice**, with a distinguished record of research and innovation may also apply.
- Applicants with strong research credentials, must be actively involved in research and innovation activities, and demonstrate a strong commitment to mentor faculty at the eligible state universities where research and innovation is still at a nascent stage.
- **Eligible host institutions** are the state universities which have been qualified as spoke institutions in **Category A of recently awarded PAIR program of ANRF** (see category list here) Applicants must be willing to relocate to the proposed host institution on full time basis and should have a proper plan to contribute significantly to the development of its research capabilities and innovation culture.

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