

The Scheme of Research Fellowships in DRDO

DRDO is having a scheme to offer Research Fellowships to provide opportunity to bright, young talents to carry out research work leading to earning of higher qualification or to acquisition of research experience. These Fellowships are available for a limited period and give no claim whatsoever to Research fellows for regular employment in DRDO.

Selection of Research Fellows is carried out by Director of the Laboratories/ Establishments of DRDO. Advertisement for award of Fellowships is published in leading national daily, Employment News and DRDO website. Selection process consists of interview in which candidates are assessed their aptitude for research work, clarity of concepts, spirit of Scientific enquiry, analytical reasoning, range of scientific and technical knowledge, and capacity to application of knowledge, etc. Candidates who have passed national written test NET/ UGC/ GATE are given preference.

At present, DRDO is offering Fellowships at three levels, namely JRF, SRF (P), & RA. Eligibility Criteria and emoluments of Research Fellows are as below:

Type of Fellowships	Minimum Educational qualification	Upper age Limit	Emoluments (per month)
Junior Research Fellow (JRF)	Graduate degree in Engg/ Technology, Post Graduate degree in Science, or Post Graduate degree in Psychology; in first division wherever Division or equivalent grading is awarded.	28 years	₹ 16000/- + HRA
Senior Research Fellow (P) SRF (P)	Degree in Medical Science (MBBS), or Dental Science/ Surgery (BDS), or Post-Graduate degree in Engg/ Technology; in First Division, both at Graduate and Post Graduate levels, wherever Division or equivalent grading is awarded.	32 years	₹ 18000/- + HRA
Research Associate (RA)	PhD in Science subjects, or MD/MS in Medical Science, or M.Tech/ ME with 02 years experience in research, teaching, Design & Development. Degree should be in First Division wherever Division or equivalent grading is awarded.	30 years	₹ 24000/- + HRA

Notes:

- The upper age limit is relaxable upto 05 years in case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, and upto 03 years in case of candidates belonging to OBC.
- In addition to the monthly emoluments, Research Fellows are also entitled for Contingency grant upto a maximum of ₹15000 per annum for JRF & SRF (P) and ₹20000 per annum in case of RA on reimbursement basis.