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Faculty Registration No. : IFA24-LSPA 173

Date: 7 July, 2025

Subject: INSPIRE Faculty Fellowship - Offer letter[DST/INSPIRE/04/2024/003236]

Dear Dr. Afnan Saleem

1. This is with reference to your application submitted against the "Call for applications for the Year 2024" for the award of INSPIRE Faculty Fellowship. Based on your application followed by the due selection process, we are pleased to inform that you have been selected for the award of INSPIRE Faculty Fellowship.
 2. A consolidated fellowship amount of Rs. 1,25,000/- per month with annual increment of Rs.2000/- along with research grant of Rs.7.0 Lakh per year for five years shall be offered to each Awardee. The offer is only tenable for a period of five years from the date of joining the Faculty Fellowship position in any Indian host institution. The tenure of 5 years shall not be extended any further. Neither this offer be considered as regular employment by DST nor it entails any responsibility on DST to provide employment to INSPIRE Faculty Fellows after completion of tenure. Accordingly, each candidate willing to accept the fellowship, need to sign an undertaking as per the format in portal and also submit another undertaking from the Host Institute for implementation of this Faculty Fellowship offer. Current Guidelines and all formats for joining under the INSPIRE Faculty Fellowship scheme is available at the web portal <https://online-inspire.gov.in>.
 3. You are required to inform DST regarding acceptance of the offer within 3 months from the date of issue of this offer letter. This includes finalization of the Host Institute for implementation of this offer and joining the selected Host Institute. In case the candidate does not inform DST within 3 months, the offer shall stand cancelled.
 4. Please note that, in case of your joining in private academic/research institutes, you will receive only Research Grant and the respective host institute/University has to pay the fellowship amount equal to the scheme norms.
 5. Please note that the Host Institution shall be **other than the Institute/ University/ Laboratory from where you have completed your Ph.D. work/degree**.
 6. Candidates who are presently living abroad may invariably try to join an Indian host institution within the stipulated time. No undue request for extension of joining time will be given by DST.
- You are requested to take the necessary action towards implementing this offer and upload the following documents on INSPIRE web portal <https://online-inspire.gov.in>. After approval of these documents, necessary processes for sanction of funds will be initiated by DST:
- a) Joining Report (Duly signed by fellow and authenticated by Signatory at the host institute).
 - b) Duly signed 'Undertaking from the INSPIRE Faculty Fellow'.
 - c) Duly signed "Undertaking from the Host Institute for implementation of INSPIRE Faculty Fellowship".
 - d) Details of Hybrid-TSA Bank Account in Union Bank of India of the Host Institute (not of individual candidate). (Candidates are advised to select the respective host institute bank details from the drop-down menu of the portal database).
8. Those who are not working in regular position are requested **not to fill** the "Placement Details" on the INSPIRE portal.
 9. Please quote the **Faculty Registration number** (IFF number) given in right top corner of this letter for future correspondence.
 10. Hereinafter all communications by the awardees should be addressed to **DST not to INSA**. Any communications to INSA will go unattended and will be ignored.
 11. This issues with the approval of Secretary DST vide Dy.No.E48945 dated 06/06/2025.

With Best Regards,

To,
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