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NIRD&PR
DOCTORAL AND POST-
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COLLABORATION SCHEME
FOR INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS

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Overview

The National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), an autonomous organisation under the Union Ministry of Rural Development, is a premier national centre of excellence in rural development and Panchayati Raj. Recognized internationally as one of the UN-ESCAP Centres of Excellence, it builds capacities of rural development functionaries, elected representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), bankers, NGOs and other stakeholders through inter-related activities of training, research and consultancy. The Institute is located in the historic city of Hyderabad in Telangana state. In addition to the main campus at Hyderabad, this Institute has North-Eastern Regional Centre at Guwahati, Assam to meet the NE-regional needs.

The Scheme

A window of opportunity opens up before international scholars with NIRD&PR's Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Research Collaboration Scheme. This collaboration scheme is designed for international scholars who are registered for a doctoral/ Post-doctoral degree at reputed foreign institutions across the globe. These collaboration schemes are for **six to twelve months**.

Applications are invited in the following fields related to rural development:

Any foray into the essentials of rural society, economics, people and organisations; good governance; natural and human resource development; rural development management principles and practices; project planning and management; management accounting and financial management; IT and ICT; small and medium rural enterprises; rural organisations; rural credit; micro-finance; livelihoods; rural product marketing; infrastructure;

social sector services; development communication; skill development; corporate social responsibility; geographical information system, flagship programs and related fields.

Affiliation

You must be affiliated to **one non-Indian host institution** at the time of application in order to be considered for the collaboration scheme. **Host institution must bear all the expenses** of research and travel, barring the ones mentioned below.

Scheme benefits

- Free boarding and lodging at government facilities for the duration of stay at NIRD&PR.
- Free boarding and lodging at government facilities during field study in rural areas.
- Collaboration with all relevant PRIs, line departments, Local Self Governing bodies and state rural development missions.
- Unfettered access to NIRD&PR library and online resources.
- Manpower assistance during field study.
- Collaboration with NIRD&PR faculty.
- Opportunity to publish under NIRD&PR's prestigious peer reviewed quarterly, Journal of Rural Development.

Note: No allowances will be provided for dependents.

Eligibility for award

- The candidates must have **confirmed Ph.D./post Ph.D. registration** in any discipline related to rural development from a reputed institute on the date of application for award of scheme assistance;
- Candidates must have a Master's degree of a recognized university in **any subject** having secured **first class** with minimum 55% marks or equivalent grade;
- **Age no bar.**

Candidates who are **currently availing a full doctoral/post-doctoral fellowship** from any recognized international/national donor agencies, shall also be eligible to apply;

- **Defaulters of any previous grant** from under any international funding agency **will not be eligible** for consideration until the applicant obtains the clearance from the relevant agency;
- Preference will be given to students who are **likely to complete their thesis within a period of two years**. No Fellowship can ordinarily be given to a student after five years of registration;

How to apply:

The interested academicians / researchers can express their interest to work in collaboration with NIRD&PR under this scheme through online format on www.nird.org.in

