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NITI Aayog

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NITI Non Resident Fellowship Programme

The NITI Non Resident Fellowship Programme, a flagship initiative of the NITI Aayog, is an effort by Government of India's premier think-tank to tap into the best minds from across the world. The programme seeks to draw up on global expertise across sectors of national importance to move beyond conventional planning in formulating government policy.

It is a competitive fellowship that will allow senior and mid-career professionals of calibre to work hands-on on policy initiatives. It will provide for them to carry out substantive research and interact with a wide range of actors in the Indian policy circuit, from senior government officials, diplomats and scholars.

NITI Aayog expects its fellows to enrich its intellectual landscape and enable meaningful collaborations and partnerships with institutions of global repute.

2016-17 Fellowship

A. Eligibility:

1. Researchers working in well-known national and international think tanks, policy research institutes and universities with a minimum experience of five years, and
2. University professors and senior staff from reputed national and international institutions
3. Experts who have done research or are pursuing research individually.

Candidates specialising in any one of the following areas but not limited to them would be preferred: Energy, Infrastructure, Science and Technology, Environment Sustainability, Health and Nutrition, Education, Social Inclusion, Law and Governance, International Relations, Taxation and Finance, Public-Private Partnerships, Economics, Trade, Agriculture etc.

B. Number of Senior Fellows/ Fellows: The number of Non-resident Senior Fellows and Non-resident Fellows may be kept at 10, subject to review at an appropriate stage.

C. Period of Fellowship: The duration of the Fellowship would be one year. In exceptional cases, the term of Fellowship could be extended with the approval of Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog.

D. Designation: Depending on their seniority, experience etc. the Senior Management Committee (SMC) could designate them as Fellow or Senior Fellow.

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E. Program requirements

1. Fellows will NOT be associated full-time with NITI Aayog. Fellows will continue to draw their emoluments from their current institution/employer.
2. Fellows shall be mandated to write at least two original research papers for NITI's Occasional Paper series.
3. The Fellows will be free to write their own papers independently; however they would have to acknowledge NITI Aayog's association with the following disclaimer: "Views in this paper are that of the author and do not reflect NITI Aayog's position."
4. Fellows are expected to participate in NITI Aayog's discussions, seminars, presentations and any other relevant events.

F. Logistics and Support

1. The engagement with NITI Aayog will be on honorary basis for conducting research during the fellowship. TA/DA (air-fare, accommodation at Delhi and extended local transport facility) only will be reimbursed at the rates applicable to officers of government drawing pay at level 14 in the Pay Matrix to Fellows and to Senior Fellows at the rates applicable to officers of government drawing pay at level 17 (Apex Level) in the Pay Matrix for attending seminars, giving lectures etc. as and when invited by NITI Aayog. That apart, fellows can take advantage of NITI Aayog resources and facilities (library, resource centre, and interaction with senior bureaucrats, policy makers across various ministries, State government officials and industry experts).

G. Plan Formulation, Appraisal and Review Scheme

The expenditure incurred under the NITI Non Resident Fellowship Programme will be from the Budget Head "Plan Formulation, Appraisal and Review Scheme" depending upon the requirement of NITI Aayog.

H. Procedure for selection:

The decision to finalise the names of Non-resident Senior Fellows and Non-resident Fellows would be taken in the Senior Management Committee (SMC). The VC/ Member/ Officer proposing a name before the SMC would circulate a brief CV of the proposed person.

I. Relaxation: Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog will have the power to relax any of the conditions mentioned above, in respect of any deserving candidate.

J. This issues with the approval of Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog and financial concurrence of JS&FA vide Dy. No. 1322 dated 21-12-2016.

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