

Indian Nuclear Society's Foreign Travel Grant Scheme (INS-FTGS)

1. Preamble

- 1.1 One of the objectives of Indian Nuclear Society is to establish scholarships, grants and awards to aspiring nuclear professionals useful in furthering the overall objectives of the Society.
- 1.2 INS-FTGS has been proposed to be established as a vehicle to provide financial support to any Indian student for undertaking research/education in nuclear science and technology and other related areas in reputed institutes/universities abroad.
- 1.3 Such research related assignments include full time MS/doctoral/postdoctoral work, short term project assignments and delivering invited talks/oral presentations in reputed international conferences.

2. Corpus and Travel Fund

- 2.1 INS shall create a fund to support the foreign travel scheme.
- 2.2 INS-EC can increase the corpus fund from time to time through internal funds of INS and donations/grants from other professional organization/institutes/individuals.
- 2.3 INS-EC can take decision to invest the corpus fund in other Govt/Semi-Govt financial instruments with low risk and optimum returns after due consultation with finance/tax professionals.
- 2.4 The interest/returns accrued from the Corpus Fund will constitute the Foreign Travel Fund (FTF), which will be used for INS-FTGS.
- 2.5 At least 75% of the income generated from the Corpus Fund, in a financial year (FY), shall be used in the same FY for the approved purpose. Any unused amount will be rolled over to the next FY.
- 2.6 The travel grant to the student is intended to support the cost of the air ticket/registration fee/per diem/visa fee etc. for participating in a conference abroad.
- 2.7 Each bona fide student will be granted maximum of Rs. 50,000/- (Fifty thousand only) as travel grant. In future INS can enhance the support depending on the availability of funds (applicable from FY 2025-26 onwards). Also INS-EC can decide to increase the maximum grant from time to time depending on the growth of the Corpus Fund. The EC shall take due approval of General Body for such enhancement.
- 2.8 INS-FTGS will be given wide publicity using INS website, INS News, social media, letters to institutes/universities and by any other means deemed fit by the EC.
- 2.9 Applications for INS-FTGS shall be received online throughout the year. INS website shall host an application portal.

3. Management of the Travel Fund

- 3.1 A Standing Committee (SC) shall be constituted and will be responsible for management of fund which includes scrutiny of applications, selection of eligible students and approval of travel grant to bona fide students.
- 3.2 The SC shall have seven members including President, Secretary, Treasurer of INS, two members nominated/elected by the GB, and two members from the preceding EC. President and Secretary, INS will be Chairman and Secretary of SC. The SC may take help

of subject experts to decide on the eligibility of candidates. The SC will be co-terminus with Executive Committee of INS.

3.3 Since the applications for travel support shall be received throughout the year, SC shall meet in the last week of every quarter to decide on the applications received in that quarter. In order to maintain uniformity in a given FY, maximum of 25% of FTF shall be dispensed in a given quarter.

3.4 The decision of the SC will be final in all respects.

4. Eligibility Criteria

4.1 Any Indian student having proven academic record (in graduation/post-graduation) can apply for INS-FTGS.

4.2 Age limit for the applicant shall be 35 years.

4.3 The candidate should not be a regular employee of any establishment.

4.4 The financial support will be a one-time grant.

4.5 Following documents shall be required to establish eligibility of candidate:

- a) Academic record (graduation and/or post-graduation)
- b) Approval of the parent institute/university to undertake research/education assignment abroad for which the support is being asked for.
- c) In the case of MS/PhD/Postdoc assignment, a letter of invitation from the university/institute abroad.
- d) In the case of attending an international conference abroad, a letter of invitation from the organizers of the conference for invited talk or oral presentation.
- e) Other funding sources and the component of cost which the candidate is expecting from INS-FTGS.
- f) An undertaking to successfully complete the purpose for which the financial support is sought for.
- g) A candidate selected for INS-FTGS should become life member of INS if not already a life member.
- h) Beneficiary of INS-FTGS shall be required to submit the report of the foreign travel along with the statement of expenditure within one month of completing the foreign travel.
- i) Candidate shall provide passport details, Aadhaar, PAN and bank details

4,6 Family member/s of SC will not be eligible for applying for INS-FTGS.

4,7 The application should be received in INS office well in advance and not less than 15 days prior to the departure.

5. Closure of the FTGS

The corpus fund is intended to help Indian students to undertake foreign travels to pursue nuclear science and technology as stipulated above. It is expected that the fund will grow in future and help INS to help deserving students. However, if (a) INS-FTGS is found ineffective to serve its intended objectives or (b) INS-FTGS is in conflict with the other objectives of INS, EC may decide to close the scheme on the advice of GB and transfer the funds to the trust fund.