



ASPEE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

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ANNOUNCEMENT

DR. SHARADCHANDRA PATEL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (2026–2027)

(Instituted in memory of Late Dr. Sharadchandra Patel)

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the **Dr. Sharadchandra Patel Research Fellowship** for pursuing M.Sc. (Agri./Hort.) and M.Tech. (Agril. Engg.) degrees for the academic year 2026–2027.

1. Disciplines & Zonal Allocation

The fellowship is awarded based on the two specified following disciplines allocated to each zone:

- **Agronomy**
- **Horticulture**
- **Agricultural Entomology**
- **Plant Pathology / Nematology**
- **Farm Machinery & Power Engineering(Agril. Engg.)**

Zone	Eligible Disciplines
1) North Zone (Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi)	• Horticulture • Farm Machinery & Power Engg. (Agril. Engg.)
2) East Zone (West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha, Jharkhand, Assam, Manipur)	• Plant Pathology / Nematology • Farm Machinery & Power Engg. (Agril. Engg.)
3) West & Central Zone (Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh)	• Agricultural Entomology • Farm Machinery & Power Engg. (Agril. Engg.)
4) South Zone (Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Puducherry)	• Agronomy • Farm Machinery & Power Engg. (Agril. Engg.)

Note: Except Farm Machinery & Power Engineering (Agri. Engg.), other subjects will be rotated every year zone wise.

2. Eligibility Criteria

- **Academic Performance:** Minimum CGPA of 3.0 out of 4 or 7.5 out of 10 (or equivalent) in B.Sc. (Agri.) or B.Tech. (Agril. Engg.).
- **Academic Record:** Must have a clean history with no ATKT (Allowed to Keep Term) or repetition of any semester during undergraduate studies.
- **Age Limit:** Must be below 30 years of age as of August 1, 2026 upon securing admission to the University (Excludes in-service candidates).
- **Conduct:** Must have no record of disciplinary action taken during their graduation.
- **Exclusivity:** Selected candidates must not be receiving any other fellowship, scholarship, or stipend from ICAR, DBT, DST, State/Central Government (including SC/ST/OBC schemes).

3. Fellowship Amount & Terms

- **Monthly Stipend:** ₹5,000/- per month (payable exclusively for research work for a maximum period of 12 months).
- **Thesis Grant:** ₹10,000/- for thesis/dissertation preparation.
- **Total Value:** ₹70,000/-
- **Disbursement:** The total amount of ₹70,000/- will be released directly into the student's bank account only after final submission and verification of the research work deliverables (see conditions below).

4. Research Guidelines & Fellowship Conditions

1. **Practical Relevance:** The research project assigned by the major guide must hold practical utility for the farming community or scientific community (if basic research is conducted, it must be of publishable quality).
2. **Synopsis Submission:** Applicants must submit a copy of their research synopsis duly signed by their Major Guide.
3. **Mandatory Acknowledgement:** Candidates must explicitly acknowledge the ASPEE Agricultural Research & Development Foundation, Mumbai for the fellowship support in their final thesis/dissertation and any resulting research paper publications.
4. **Final Deliverables for Release of Funds:**
 - o One Soft Copy (on a USB Flash Drive) of the completed thesis as well as soft copies of research papers published in recognized Scientific Societies.

5. How to Apply?

1. **Application Procurement:** Application forms can be obtained directly from the ASPEE Foundation Office (Mumbai) or from the respective Dean, Postgraduate Studies / Director of Research.
2. **Submission Channel:** Completed applications in the prescribed format, accompanied by self-attested photocopies of all required mark sheets, documents and the signed synopsis, must be submitted to the respective University Office.
3. **Scrutiny & Nomination:** Applications will be scrutinized by the **Dean, Post Graduate Studies or Director of Research** of the respective University. The Dean's office will forward the top two applications per discipline to the ASPEE Foundation Office within two months from the date of admission.

Mailing Address for Nominations:

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