

# DBT- Junior Research Fellowship (DBT-JRF) Programme

## Frequently Asked Question (FAQs)

### ACTIVATION OF FELLOWSHIP

#### 1. Where can I activate my DBT JRF Fellowship?

A candidate with **Category - I** award letter can activate the DBT JRF fellowship to pursue Ph.D. at any University/ Institution across India.

#### 2. Can I use the DBT JRF fellowship to join as JRF?

A candidate bearing Category-I award letter **cannot** activate the DBT JRF fellowship to join as a JRF alone.

#### 3. When should I initiate the activation process?

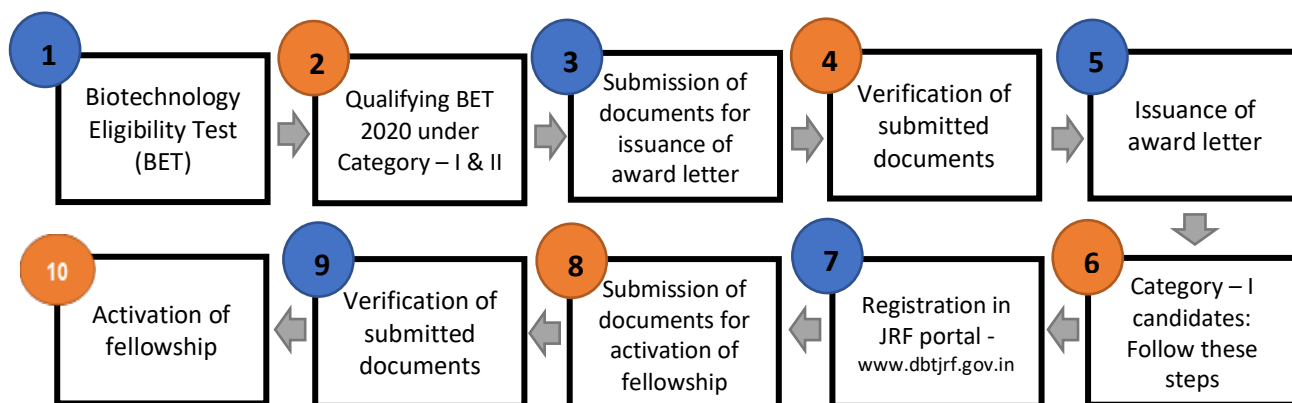
An awardee must secure admission at a University/ Institution across India under a Ph.D. programme before submitting documents for activation of fellowship.

#### 4. What documents are required to activate the fellowship?

Scanned copies of the following documents are required:

- a. BET Award Letter
- b. Ph.D. Enrolment Letter / Document
- c. First page of bank passbook/ first page of bank statement (indicating full name, account number and IFS code)
- d. NEFT/ RTGS Mandate Form (University/ Institute's bank account details)
- e. Hostel Allotment/ HRA declaration (indicating date of availing/ not availing hostel facility)

#### 5. What is the process of activation of fellowship?



**6. What will be the start date of my DBT JRF fellowship?**

The ‘**Start Date**’ of the fellowship will be the date of joining the Ph.D. programme or date of issuance of award letter, whichever is **later**. However, due to administrative reasons start date can be other than the above.

**7. What is the total duration of the fellowship?**

The total duration of the fellowship is five (5) years from the start date of fellowship.

**8. What is the end date/ fellowship completion date?**

The ‘**End Date**’ of fellowship will be date of completion of five (5) years from the **Start Date** of fellowship tenure or date of Ph.D. viva-voce or date of resignation by fellow or cancellation of fellowship by DBT, whichever is **earlier**.

**9. What are the emoluments under DBT JRF Fellowship?**

A fellow designated as ‘DBT JRF’ is entitled to a consolidated fellowship of Rs. 31,000/- per month and contingency of Rs. 30,000/- per year. Fellow will be entitled to receive House Rent Allowance (HRA) if institutional accommodation is not provided, as per the DST guidelines pertaining to research fellowships.

**10. Will the fellowship grant be released to my personal bank account?**

No, the fellowship grant is released to your university/ institute’s bank account, on timely submission of prescribed documents.

**11. What is Ph.D. Enrolment document?**

The Ph.D. Enrolment document is the letter (on letterhead) indicating the name of fellow and date of joining of Ph.D. programme. The said letter is signed and stamped by the competent authority.

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