

THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, INDIA

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NASI Senior Scientist Scheme for the year 2025 (with fellowship and without fellowship)

The NASI invites nominations/applications for the NASI Senior Scientist Scheme (with fellowship and without fellowship) for the year 2025 to enable NASI Fellows active in research and teaching to continue working in a recognized University/ Research Institute/ R&D Centre in India after superannuation for the year 2025.

Nominations/applications from the NASI Fellows are invited by April 15 and processed within the same financial year.

Submission of Nomination:

The nomination/application should have a concise proposal (<2 pages), an updated CV, a list of publications, and an endorsement letter (which can also be submitted later) from their intended host institution. The eligibility age will be calculated as of December 31st in the year of the application.

Submission Method: The nominations are invited from NASI Fellows by April 15 via email to council@nasi.ac.in or send the hard copy to the official address of NASI. The applications will be processed within the same financial year.

Host Institution: The endorsement letter must confirm that the host institution will provide the facilities and resources for the nominee, which can be submitted even after receiving the sanction letter.

The format of the endorsement letter is enclosed as Appendix 1.

NASI Senior Scientist

The programme is for NASI fellows, and the recipients will be designated as “NASI Senior Scientist.”

The Academy instituted the “NASI Senior Scientist” programme to enable active, superannuated Fellows of the Academy to continue contributing to research and teaching in recognized Universities, Research Institutions, and R&D Centers across India.

Objectives

- To support NASI Fellows in continuing their research and teaching activities after superannuation.
- To foster scientific engagement and mentorship in recognized academic and research institutions in India.

Eligibility

- Superannuated NASI Fellows up to 75 years residing and working in India are eligible to apply.
- Fellows currently holding a position with a regular honorarium, fellowship, or salary are not eligible for the programme.
- Distinguished Honorary Professors are also eligible for this if they are below the age of 75 years.

Number of Positions

The maximum number of positions is thirty (30), with no more than one-third awarded annually.

Tenure:

- The term of the NASI Senior Scientist position is three years, extendable by two years based on a performance review.
- Fellows must join within six months of receiving the offer.
- Fellows leaving before completing their three-year tenure may reapply; however, the total tenure remains capped. Leaving the position twice results in disqualification.

Financial Commitment:

- Honorarium: Rs. 40,000 per month.
- Contingency: Rs 1,00,000 per annum.
- Contingency grants can be used for research-related small equipment, computers and laptops, travel (within India), airfare, registration fee, per diem, accommodation, etc., as per the norms of the host Institute.
- Items purchased out of the contingency grant will be the host Institute's property upon the program's completion. Purchased items belong to the host institute after the tenure unless retained by the Fellow by paying 10% of the item's cost (if purchased within the first two years).
- The number of fellowships awarded each year depends on available funds.

Selection Process

- Selection will be made by a Committee and approved by the Council.

Joining and Renewal

- The award offer is valid for six months from issuance.
- Annual reports and expenditure statements must be submitted for grant renewal.
- At the end of the tenure, a consolidated technical report is required.

Leave

- They should follow the leave rule of the host institutes.

Obligations

- It is the same as for the Distinguished Professor.

NASI-Senior Honorary Scientist

The programme is for NASI fellows, and the recipient is designated as a “NASI Senior Honorary Scientist.”

Objective

To enable active superannuated NASI Fellows to continue contributing to research and teaching in recognized institutions in India.

Eligibility:

Superannuated NASI Fellows even beyond 75 years residing and working in India.

Number of Positions:

A maximum of 15 positions will be available during the first term (initial five years), starting in 2025, with no more than five awarded in any year. The number of positions will be determined annually by the NASI Council based on the availability of funds. There is no limit on the number of Chairs for the second and third term.

Tenure:

- Term: The initial term is five years with contingency and is extendable further without contingency.

Financial Commitment:

- Contingency grant (only for the first five-year term): ₹1,00,000 per annum, released through the host institution. From the second term onward, the person can carry the designation without any contingency grant.
- Grant utilization: For small equipment, stationery, travel within India, registration fees, per diem, accommodation, etc., as per host institution norms.
- Purchased items: Property of the host institution after tenure unless retained by the Fellow by paying 10% of the cost (if purchased within the first two years).

Selection Process

- Applications/Nominations will be invited (online portal/email) from Fellows by the 15th of April and processed in the same financial year.
- Selections will be made by a Committee and approved by the Council.

- Offer validity: Six months from issuance, after which fresh nominations may be considered.

Joining

Selected Fellows must join within six months of receiving the offer letter.

Progress Reports and Renewal:

- Annual progress reports and utilization certificates must be submitted to continue the grant.
- A final consolidated report is required at the end of the tenure.

Obligations

- It is the same as for the Distinguished Professor.

Note: The guidelines for the nominations/Applications and Selection process are also mentioned in the Rules and Regulations of the Academy.