



Date: 19 August, 2016

**Subject: INSPIRE Faculty Award - Offer letter[DST/INSPIRE/04/2016/000145]**

Dear Dr. Thirumaleshwara N Bhat

Government of India has launched a unique scheme "**Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research(INSPIRE)**" with several components. INSPIRE Faculty Scheme is one such component of INSPIRE Programme which offers a contractual research award for carrying out independent research to young achievers. Guidelines of the INSPIRE Faculty scheme and award is available at the website: [www.inspire-dst.gov.in](http://www.inspire-dst.gov.in). Based on your application followed by the due selection process, I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected for **INSPIRE Faculty Award**.

A compensation matching cost equivalent to that of Assistant Professor of an IIT at the time of entry, along with Rs. 3500000 (@ Rs. 700000/year) of research grant shall be offered to each Awardee. The Faculty Award is tenable for a period of five years from the date of joining the Faculty position. However, each Awardee as well as the Host Institute will be required to sign an 'UNDERTAKING' for implementation of this Faculty Award.

Each awardee will be required to inform DST on acceptance of the Award within 3 months from the date of this offer. This includes finalization of the Host Institute for implementation of this Award and joining at the selected Host Institute. In case Awardee does not inform DST within 3 months, the Award offer shall automatically be forfeited. Please note that the Host Institution shall be other than the Institute/ University/ Laboratory where you have completed your PhD work/degree.

You are requested to take necessary action towards implementing this Award. Towards this the following documents are required to upload at portal ([www.online-inspire.gov.in](http://www.online-inspire.gov.in)), so that necessary funds can be released to Host Institute from our end:

1. Details of Bank Account of the Host Institute (not for individual Awardees)
2. Duly signed 'UNDERTAKING'
3. Year-Wise Budget for Research Grant @ Rs. 700000 / year for 5 years (year-wise without clubbing)
4. Joining Report (Duly authenticated)

Login-ID and Password used at the time of submission of application shall be used now as well for upload. Without submission of these documents through online, no action would be possible to take at this end.

This issue's with the approval of Secretary DST vide Dy.No.P6192 dated 08/11/2016. We shall be looking for your responses in this respect.

With Best Regards,

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