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National Renewable Energy Fellowship Scheme (NREF)

Monthly fellowships for students and researchers in renewable energy, from M.Sc and M.Tech up to post-doctoral research, applied for on the National Scholarship Portal.

What you may get

Rs 4,000 a month for M.Sc (24 months), Rs 12,400 for M.Tech (20 to 24 months), Rs 31,000 for Junior Research Fellows (2 years), Rs 35,000 for direct Senior Research Fellows (3 years), and Rs 47,000 to Rs 54,000 for research associates and post-doctoral fellows (3 years). Research positions also get house rent allowance and a Rs 20,000 yearly contingency grant.

Who it is for

Students taking M.Sc in renewable energy or M.Tech, researchers doing a PhD, and research associates or post-doctoral fellows working on renewable energy topics.

Main conditions

- Studying or researching in renewable energy at a recognised institution.
- Meets the rules of the body that governs your level: CSIR, DST and UGC for research posts, AICTE for M.Tech, Department of Biotechnology for M.Sc.
- Applies in an open cycle on the National Scholarship Portal.

How to apply

1. Fellowship applications for 2026-27 are open on the National Scholarship Portal from 1 June 2026 to 31 October 2026.
2. Register on scholarships.gov.in and get your registration number.
3. Choose the National Renewable Energy Fellowship Scheme and fill the form for your level.
4. Submit before the last date and follow the verification steps shown on the portal.

Status

Ongoing

Official source: https://mnre.gov.in/en/fellowships-for-higher-studies-and-research-in-renewable-energy/
Official application: https://scholarships.gov.in/
Labh Lo page: https://labhlo.in/en/schemes/central/mnre-national-renewable-energy-fellowship/

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