

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARE SELECTION COMMITTEE 2025-2026

The FARE Selection Committee (2025-26) discussed on September 25, 2026, to consider the requests for FARE Fellowship.

FARE Fellowship Eligibility Criteria:

- i. The student should be currently enrolled in the full-time PhD programme at IIT Kanpur. S/he should submit the thesis no later than 5 years and 6 months from the date of her/his first registration in the PhD program at IIT Kanpur. This period excludes the leave availed on medical grounds for a semester, if any.
- ii. A student interested in applying for FARE must submit an application within three months of PhD thesis submission.
- iii. S/he must have at least one accepted/published research work/paper (or equivalent work) in any reputed journals/proceedings, etc., of the level equivalent to Q1 or Q2 journals from her/his PhD research as first author at the time of application.
- iv. Journal or Conference publication mentioned in the FARE Application should have online references, such as DOI / Weblinks for consideration.
- v. Eligibility criteria for Patent Consideration:
 - Patent(s) must be part of applicant's PhD thesis work, and grant certificate should be submitted as part of FARE application.
 - The patent must have at least 25% contribution from the FARE applicant.
- vi. All the currently registered students of Y18 and onward batches are eligible to apply for FARE.
- vii. Those students of Y18 and Y19 batches fulfilling condition (i), who have already submitted their thesis but have not defended it as of the date of this office order are eligible to apply for FARE.
- viii. A one-time relaxation is being granted to Y18 and Y19 students, allowing them to be eligible for the FARE fellowship if they submit their thesis within 6 years and 6 months for Y18 students and 6 years for Y19 students from their initial registration date.
- ix. The thesis submission deadlines are as follows: Y18 – within 6 years 6 months with 12 months fellowship; Y19 – within 6 years with 12 months fellowship; Y20 (1st sem) – within 5 years 6 months with 12 months fellowship; Y20 (2nd sem onward) – within 5 years with 12 months fellowship or within 5 years 6 months with 6 months fellowship on a pro-rata basis; all deadlines correspond to the late academic registration dates of their respective semesters, excluding summer terms.

Considerations:

- One applicant from the Department of Physics (PHY) has applied for the FARE Fellowship. His Ph.D. thesis work has been published in a Q1 journal.
- Two applicants from the Department of Chemistry (CHM) have applied for the FARE Fellowship. Their Ph.D. thesis work has been published in a Q1 and Q2 journal.
- One applicant from the Department of Materials Science and Engineering (MSE) has applied for the FARE Fellowship. His Ph.D. thesis work has been published in a Q1 journal.
- Two applicants from the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) have applied for the FARE Fellowship. Their Ph.D. thesis work has been published in a Q1 journal.
- One applicant from the Sustainable Energy Engineering (SEE) has applied for the FARE Fellowship. His Ph.D. thesis work has been published in a Q2 journal.
- One applicant from the Civil Engineering (CE) has applied for the FARE Fellowship. His Ph.D. thesis work has been published in a Q2 journal.

Details:

Abhishek Kumar Jha / 21109861 / PHY

Findings:

- Title of the Paper: Violation of critical balance and dynamic alignment in anisotropic magnetohydrodynamic turbulence.
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Abhishek Kumar Jha (Applicant)
- Journal Name: Scientific Reports
- Journal Level: Q1 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 28-07-2021
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 10-09-26
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 1 Month, 13 Days

Sumedha Gupta / 21107281 / CHM**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Multifunctional Amphicharged Surfactants: Unraveling pH and Thermal Modulation of Their Interactions with Bovine Serum Albumin.
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Sumedha Gupta (Applicant)
- Journal Name: Langmuir
- Journal Level: Q1 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 28-07-2021
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 23-07-26
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 4 Years, 11 Months, 25 Days

Saurabh Sharma / 21106277 / MSE**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Iron Phosphide Exsolution for Enhanced Electrochemical Performance of Fe-doped $\text{Na}_3\text{V}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3$ Cathodes in Sodium-Ion Batteries.
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Saurabh Sharma (Applicant)
- Journal Name: ACS Applied Energy Materials
- Journal Level: Q1 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 28-07-2021
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 13-09-26
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 1 Month, 16 Days

Akanksha Santosh Deshpande / 21107262 / CHM**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Asymmetric Organocatalyzed Michael/Oxa-Michael Domino Reaction of Isoxazole-5-ones with 1,3-Nitroenynes: Access to Chiral Fused Dihydropyranisoxazolines.
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Akanksha Santosh Deshpande (Applicant)
- Journal Name: The Journal of Organic Chemistry
- Journal Level: Q2 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 28-07-2021
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 31-08-26
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 1 Month, 3 Days

Abhirami A / 21100263 / HSS**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Pixels, print and poetic intersections: visualizing AI in PoemPortraits and Technelegy.
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Abhirami A (Applicant)
- Journal Name: Journal of Visual Literacy
- Journal Level: Q1 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 28-07-2021
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 24-08-26
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 0 Months, 27 Days

Joseph Nishanth J / 21129264 / SEE

Findings:

- Title of the Paper: RuO₂-Modified Sulfurized Polyacrylonitrile Composite Cathodes for Sodium-Sulfur Batteries With Enhanced Electrochemical Performance.
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Joseph Nishanth J (Applicant)
- Journal Name: Energy Storage
- Journal Level: Q2 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 28-07-2021
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 18-09-26
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 1 Month, 21 Days

Brishti Sen Banerjee / 21100266 / HSS

Findings:

- Title of the Paper: Inheritance for Ownership: Examining Ideas of Land Ownership among *Pahāḍī* Women in Uttarakhand
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): No
- First Author: Brishti Sen Banerjee (Applicant)
- Journal Name: Social & Legal Studies
- Journal Level: Q1 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 28-07-2021
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 17-09-26
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 1 Months, 20 Days.

Harshal Tikam Kisanlal / 21103277 / CE

Findings:

- Title of the Paper: Evaluating Financial Support Mechanisms for Robust Recycling Enterprises Managing Construction and Demolition Waste
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Harshal Tikam Kisanlal (Applicant)
- Journal Name: Journal of Management in Engineering
- Journal Level: Q1 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 28-07-2021
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 17-09-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 1 Months, 20 Days.

Committee Decision:

- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Abhishek Kumar Jha / 21109861 / PHY
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Sumedha Gupta / 21107281 / CHM
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Saurabh Sharma / 21106277 / MSE
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Akanksha Santosh Deshpande / 21107262 / CHM
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Abhirami A / 21100263 / HSS
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Joseph Nishanth J / 21129264 / SEE
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Harshal Tikam Kisanlal / 21103277 / CE

➤ **Brishti Sen Banerjee / 21100266 / HSS**

After due deliberation, the Committee did not recommend the application for the FARE Fellowship, as the applicant has not published a research paper fulfilling the prescribed eligibility requirements of the FARE Programme.



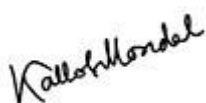
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Prof. Ashoke De
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