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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Clarifications on the AcSIR PhD Admission eligibility criteria for "Project Assistants"

AcSIR-HQ frequently receives requests for clarifications with respect to the eligibility criteria for PhD admissions for the category of "Project Assistants" [ref: Clause 4 (5)(i) of AcSIR Ordinances, 2017 (page 33)]. The following guidelines are to be followed while determining the eligibility of such applicants for admissions to PhD from August 2022 session onwards:

- 1. Such applicants can apply for PhD admission only at the institute where he/she has been in temporary employment as a Project Assistant in a sanctioned R&D project for at least one year (as on the notified last date of application for admission) and can only apply with the prior permission of the PI of the project and concurrence of the Director of the Institute.
- 2. The applicant should be working as a Project Assistant in a sanctioned R&D project on the date of his on-line application for admission to the PhD program and the financial assistance from the project to the applicant should be valid for at least one year from the notified date of commencement of the academic session for which the applicant is seeking PhD admission. The sanctioned projects include, projects funded by external agencies as well as projects of CSIR/Institutes with specific provisions of fund allocation for payment to the Project Assistants etc. engaged in the project.
- **3.** For the sake of determining the eligibility for PhD admission, the "Project Assistants" will be considered equivalent to all such temporary employment in on-going research projects at the institute including nomenclatures such as project JRF/SRF, project fellow/senior project fellow, project associates, research intern, etc.

This OM has been issued with the approval of the Director, AcSIR.

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