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### NOTIFICATION

#### Regarding Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

Savitribai Phule Pune University has launched the "Savitribai Phule Pune University Postdoctoral Fellowship (SPPU-PDF) program" for the meritorious Ph.D. degree holders in Science, Technology, Commerce, Humanities, Languages etc. who are below the age of 32 years (age relaxation for reserved categories/women/divyang will be given as per the norms of Government of Maharashtra) and who are domicile of Maharashtra State only. The details are available on the University website <http://sppupdf.unipune.ac.in/> upto - 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.

  
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## “Savitribai Phule Pune University Postdoctoral Fellowship Program” (SPPU-PDF)

Postdoctoral research is an important avenue for young motivated researchers who wish to acquire new skills and develop their academic career. It also creates independent researchers under the guidance of an accomplished mentor. A good mix of graduate, doctoral, and postdoctoral fellows helps in achieving academic excellence of academic Institutes. Trained postdoctoral fellows are considered as potential faculty for the academic institutes across the globe. All the top academic institutes in the world promote such research activities. However postdoctoral research culture is not widely established in India. With this in mind, Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) has launched ‘Savitribai Phule Pune University Postdoctoral Fellowship (SPPU-PDF) Program’. This salient features of this program are as follows:

- The PDF program is aimed at enhancing the quality of research at SPPU and generating trained manpower for taking up research and teaching careers.
- The scheme is created to work mostly electronically.
- These Fellowships are open to meritorious Ph.D. degree holders in Science, Technology, Commerce, Humanities, Languages etc. **domicile of Maharashtra State only.**
- SPPU-PDF is full time research program.
- These Fellowships are open to researchers below the age of 32 years. The age relaxation for reserved category, women etc. will be given as per the rules and regulations of the Government of Maharashtra.

### About us

Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), one of the premier universities in India and known for its academic excellence, was originally established as Poona University on February 10, 1949. The University has taken initiative in starting an exclusive PDF Scheme of SPPU in the year 2018 on the recommendation of its Management Council. This PDF .scheme will be running mostly in electronic mode with fast track on-line handling for efficient decision making. It is envisaged that the new PDF scheme will be tuned to the ground realities prevailing in our university system. The SPPU-PDF Scheme is expected to provide an opportunity for many excellent fresh Ph. D.’s to overcome their deficiencies in training at the doctoral level research and allow them to explore new areas in research in the respective discipline, under a mentor of their choice.

### Who can apply?

- The meritorious Ph.D. degree awarded in Sciences, Technology, Commerce, Humanities and Languages candidates domiciled of Maharashtra State are eligible to apply.
- The aspirants below 32 years of age (age relaxation for reserved category, women etc. is admissible as per the rules and regulations of the Government of Maharashtra) can apply.
- The applicants should have at least two research publications in standard peer reviewed journals.
- The applicants should identify University Departments/Schools and approved research centers at affiliated colleges of SPPU which have received at least 'A' Grade from NAAC for his/her postdoctoral Research work.
- Also the candidate should identify a Mentor (who has successfully guided 3 Ph.D. students) and obtain his/her consent for the mentorship. The applicant cannot select their Ph.D. Guide as a Mentor.
- Once the candidate is awarded the SPPU-PDF, and he/she joins the fellowship, he/she will not eligible to apply ever again for SPPU-PDF.
- If candidate has already applied for SPPU-PDF and has been declared as unsuccessful, he/she is permitted to apply freshly with new research proposal only after one year from date of declaration of the earlier result.

### Fellowship:

- The monthly fellowship amount is Rs. 43,800/- + HRA (as per rules) and yearly contingency grant of Rs. 1,00,000.
- The fellowship amount transfer may be done through Direct Beneficiary Transfer (DBT) mechanism.
- The Fellowship will be awarded initially for two years and extended for one year subject to good performance. However, the maximum duration of the PDF award would be 3 years. No extension is possible under any circumstances.

### Read this before applying for SPPU-PDF

- Ensure that you have Ph.D. degree certificate.
- Ensure that you have domicile certificate of Maharashtra State.
- Ensure that you are below the age limit as mentioned below:
- Open category : 32 years
- SC/ST/PWD/Women candidate : 37 years
- OBC category : 35 years
- Ensure that you have identified the workplace from the University Departments/Schools of SPPU and approved research centres at affiliated colleges of SPPU (which have received at least 'A' Grade from NAAC).
- Ensure that you have at least two research publications in standard peer reviewed journals.
- Ensure that you have identified a Mentor who has successfully guided 3 Ph.D. students.
- Ensure that your Ph.D. Guide is not your Mentor for SPPU-PDF.
- Please note that, SPPU-PDF is a full time research program.

## How to Apply

- Go to the site <http://sppu-pdf.unipune.ac.in/>
- Fill basic information to get login ID and password.
  - The candidate should fill the basic information to get Login ID and Password. The basic information contains preliminary data of the candidate such as name, email ID, birthdate and Ph.D. degree details. It is necessary that the name given by the candidate should match with the one on his/her Master's and Ph.D. degree certificates.
- Do the email authentication
  - Immediately after filling the basic information, the candidate will receive a system-generated email for verification. The applicant has to click on a link provided in an email.
- Ph. D. Guide will do verification
  - Also an email will be sent to the Ph.D. Guide of the candidate to verify the candidate's Ph. D. degree accomplishment.
- SPPU-PDF Cell will send login ID and password
  - The SPPU-PDF Cell will scrutinize the basic information of the candidate and send login ID and password to the candidates registered email ID typically within 7 working days.
- Fill online application and upload supporting pdf files (as per the format provided by SPPU-PDF Cell)
  - The provided Login ID and password will be valid strictly for 10 days. Within this stipulated time, the applicant is required to fill in the complete online application form and upload pdf supporting files such as Ph.D. work summary, postdoctoral research proposal and a Mentor's CV in the specified PDF format (limiting to 100kb size individually). Applications which are incomplete and contain documents which do not follow the prescribed format shall be rejected.
  - All the valid online applications will receive a system-generated acknowledgement from SPPU-PDF Cell which contains a file of his/her complete application. A unique Application No. (ID) will be assigned to each application. Please note this number for further reference.
- Take printout of the application, affix your passport size photograph and attach the listed supporting documents in the sequence given below.
  1. Summary of Ph.D. Work (same as uploaded online)
  2. Concept proposal of the postdoctoral research (Same as uploaded online)
  3. Mentor CV in brief (Same as uploaded online)
  4. Original Consent Certificate of the Mentor on proper letterhead (in a prescribed format)
  5. Copy of S.S.C.(10<sup>th</sup> Class Certificate)/Age Proof Certificate.

6. Copy of Graduation and Post-graduation certificate.
  7. Ph. D. Degree or award declaration Certificate.
  8. NET/SET Certificate, (if applicable).
  9. Reserved Category/PWD (Divyang) Certificate, (if applicable).
  10. Other documents, if required.
- Send application hardcopy to SPPU-PDF cell only by **ordinary** or **speed post** within 10 working days. Hard copies sent by other means will not be accepted.

**Postal Address**

The Director,  
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**Evaluation and Result:**

- The (online) application window will be open for one month, once in a year.
- The complete applications will be peer-reviewed electronically by distinguished subject experts. Candidates whose applications meet the requirement of minimum grades will be called for a personal interview.
- The results will be declared on SPPU-PDF website typically within three to four months after the receipt of the online application.
- There will be a maximum of 60 SPPU-PDF awardees at any given time, with typically 20 awards per year.

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## SPPU-PDF subject codes

### Science & Technology

1. Physics	(PH)
2. Chemistry	(CH)
3. Mathematics	(MA)
4. Statistics	(ST)
5. Biology	(BL)
6. Engineering/Technology	(ET)
7. Pharmacy	(PA)
8. Geology	(GE)
9. Geography	(GO)
10. Medical	(ME)
11. Environment	(EN)
12. Electronics/Computer	(EC)
13. Instrumentation	(IS)
14. Others	(OT)

### Arts and humanities

1. Hindi	(HL)
2. Marathi	(ML)
3. English	(EL)
4. Foreign language	(FL)
5. Urdu	(UL)
6. Pali	(PL)
7. Sanskrit	(SL)
8. Women studies	(WS)
9. Education	(ED)
10. Physical Education	(PE)
11. Anthropology	(AP)
12. Sociology	(SP)
13. Psychology	(PY)
14. Politics	(PS)
15. Law	(LM)
16. Economics	(EC)
17. Others	(OT)

### Commerce & Management

1. Management	(MG)
2. Commerce	(CO)
3. Others	(OT)