

# STUDENT HIGH ACTION RESEARCH PROGRAM: SHARP

**Preamble:** To promote active student involvement in research activities from early stages of their undergraduate program by working with faculty on specific/focused research, MITS is proposing a "Student High Action Research Program" through a **SHARP Fellowship** to meritorious students desirous of working with faculty in research, publications and projects.

## Broad Guidelines:

1. 200 students each from 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years will be selected based on their interest and academic performance.
2. 600 SHARP Fellowship will be provided to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students.
3. Selected students will receive a stipend of Rs. 1000/- per month for a period of 10 months, spread over 5 months in each semester.
4. One student from 1<sup>st</sup> year, one from 2<sup>nd</sup> year and one student from 3<sup>rd</sup> year will be attached with a faculty member and they will have to work with the faculty on specific research topics by contributing a minimum of 10 hours a week, besides their regular class work.
5. Students are expected to get trained by the faculty in their respective areas of research.
6. Performance will be monitored on a monthly basis to assess progress of the student.
7. Goals and Objectives with clear timelines have to be agreed upon by both the faculty and students before the start of the object.
  1. Specific outcome of the work has to be mentioned by the research team before commencement of the work.
  2. A contingency grant of Rs 10,000/- will be provided to such faculty to meet expenses related to the work and expenses report will be submitted at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> year.
8. A minimum of 1 conference paper and 1 journal publication (in SCI/SCOPUS journals) are mandatory expectations at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> year.
9. Review will be done every month by Departmental Research Committee on the progress.
10. Exit policy:
  1. If student leaves, in between the year :
    1. If there is no tangible outcome during the Fellowship period and the Student wants to withdraw from the SHARP Fellowship then such student will be required to return the amount so received.
    2. Those who couldn't get selected in the first 200 but are within the first 250 of 1<sup>st</sup> year or 2<sup>nd</sup> year and 3<sup>rd</sup> year as the case may be can be taken as "bench" candidates and replacement will be provided.
    3. If bench students are not available, fresh notice will be issued inviting applications for providing Fellowship.
  2. If faculty leaves, student to be assigned to another faculty. MITS will try its best to match the area, but if not possible, student has a choice to decide whether to continue under the SHARP Fellowship program.
  3. Apex Research committee will decide on such case on case to case basis.
11. Travel grant as well as, boarding and lodging shall be met from the contingency grant if required.
12. Faculty to update Apex Research committee of any "slip" in commitments from the students immediately. For this, faculty can give 2 chances to the student before raising the red flag.

  
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