

Revision History

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Samsung Fellows | RULE BOOK

1. INTRODUCTION

Samsung India Electronics Pvt. Ltd. (“Samsung”), is a company incorporated under the laws of India. As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (“CSR”) initiatives, Samsung has instituted a fellowship program called “Samsung Fellows” (“Program”) vide which fellowship under the Program (“Fellowship”) is being awarded to the selected candidates.

The Program aims to provide final year student(s) of Indian Institute of Technologies / Organizations hosted by IITs (“IIT(s)”) (“Applicant(s)”) currently pursuing a full term Undergraduate (“UG”) (B.E/B.Tech/Dual Degree (B.Tech + M.Tech)) and Postgraduate (“PG”) (M.Tech/MS (R)) course in select Indian Institute of Technology (IITs). The rules governing the Program are mentioned in this document (“Rules”) and shall be binding on all Applicants, Institutes and other participants under the Program.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Applicants will be eligible to receive [Samsung Fellowships](#), if they meet the defined eligibility criteria mentioned in this Rule Book and by following the procedures provided herein.

1. Applicants must be final year students (in select IITs) in their respective batches. That is, they must have reached their VII-semester in Undergraduate, IX-semester in Dual Degree and III-semester in Postgraduate studies
2. Applicants must be working in projects in the areas of interest mutually decided between the concerned IIT and Samsung
3. Students must have scored more than six (6.0) cumulative grade point average (CGPA) in semesters leading up to the final year
4. Preference in fellowship is to be given to students from [Economically Marginalized Background \(“EMB”\)](#), provided all above conditions are met. Economically marginalized means, for purposes of this document, any student whose family annual income is below INR **8 lacs** per annum, irrespective of whether she/he belongs to SC/ ST/ OBC or General Category. Following cases may be applicable:
 - a. In case there are more number of Applicants in an IIT in EMB who qualify in the above mentioned criteria (points 2 & 3) than there are Fellowships, Fellowships must be given to the Applicants whose family income is the least among the candidates. In case the family income cannot be determined with accuracy (i.e., it varies from year -to-year), IITs may, at their own discretion, determine which students may be given Fellowship
 - b. The remaining Fellowships must be granted to students from non-EMB category, with lowest family income first, irrespective of CGPA (provided CGPA is more than that mentioned in point 3). To elaborate further, a student qualifying under above criteria (points 2 & 3) having CGPA of 8.1 and family income of 15 lakhs p.a. must be shortlisted

for Samsung Fellowship over and above a student having CGPA of 9.2 and family income of 20 lakh p.a. This condition has been introduced because we are giving Fellowship under CSR budget, and economical wealth of a student (including her family), takes precedence over grades.

Since in the first year (Mar'21 ~ Feb'22), the criteria under 4(a) & 4(b) were not specifically mentioned in the MOU, and IITs may have chosen non-EMB students based on CGPA and not family income. Respecting their choice, we agree that the Fellowships must be given as per IIT-chosen criteria till the time the students graduate (maximum 1 year after receiving Fellowships), provided all other criteria are met. Beyond a year, IITs must agree to select students as per criteria mentioned here. We shall place the conditions in amendments to MOUs with IITs. Further since IITs have chosen students based on their CGPA rather than their family income, for the first year (Mar'21 ~ Feb'22), we would allow payment of Fellowship to such students with family income up to **INR 40 lakh** per annum.

5. Samsung Fellowships would be given to Applicants who qualify in these criteria up to the maximum number of Fellowships allocated in the Program for that IIT. Although Samsung would want to distribute the entire allocated amount, we foresee circumstances where IITs may find that they are falling short of Applicants due to stricter criteria. In such case, we would allow for Fellowship to be distributed to lesser number of students, subject to prior advance approval of Samsung
6. From next year, beginning Mar'22, Fellowship must be capped for students whose family incomes are up to **INR 20 lakhs** per annum. However, IITs are requested to include students with family incomes less than or equal to INR 20 lakh p.a. whenever they get to choose students even during the first year (Mar'21 ~ Feb'22)
7. The respective IITs would receive the Fellowship amount from Samsung on a quarterly basis; however, the students would be granted Fellowship at the end of each month in lieu of the work performed by them. Respective IIT's decision of the amount of work done by the student, and whether the work is commensurate with the Fellowship, etc. shall be final and binding
8. Since this Fellowship is only for final-year UG/Dual-Degree and PG Applicants, the maximum period of receiving the fellowship is up to 1 year. In case, due to any reason whatsoever, an Applicant repeats his final year, he must **not be eligible** to receive the Samsung Fellowship. This condition also holds true for a student who is pursuing UG courses, but later on decides to pursue a Dual-Degree course
9. All students receiving Samsung PG Fellowships shall voluntarily give up on any other scholarship/ fellowship that s/he may be receiving at that time, whether from Ministry of Education (previously MHRD) or elsewhere. This is, however, not applicable for UG students. This is because UG students may be getting financial assistantships including merit-cum-means scholarship, NTSE scholarship, government scholarship, etc., and the amount of Samsung Fellowship may not be enough to entice them to give up other scholarships/fellowships
10. The candidates selected for receiving Samsung Fellowship will be termed "Samsung IITx Fellow", where x may be substituted with the respective IIT's name

11. The conditions mentioned herein are necessary conditions and not sufficient conditions. IITs can place further conditions basis the behavior or character of students as they deem fit

3. DISBURSEMENT

1. Applicants of UG are entitled to a Samsung Fellowship of INR 6,000 per month and PG Applicants are entitled to a Samsung Fellowship of INR 25,000 per month
2. In case of any conflict with respect to whether an Applicant is eligible for fellowship under the Program, the decision of Samsung shall be final and binding
3. Applicants who are selected in this Program shall be consenting to a verification calls, e-mails, etc. from Samsung

4. UNIVERSITY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. IITs will announce the availability of Samsung Fellowship to their students, through Dean (Academics), or any other competent authority, in an email to the students. **The email will also be marked to SIEL point-of-contact as evidence of the activity in addition to all students.** IITs may send out such emails multiple time a year, and Samsung PIC shall be copied in such emails each time
2. IITs shall collect a student list up to the maximum number, as determined between the respective IIT & Samsung. This student list will contain the following fields:

S.No.	Student's name	Parent's name	From student ID card			Fellowship Criteria			Student's consent (Yes/ No)
			E-mail ID	Phone Number	Roll No.	Research Project (brief description) (Criteria 1)	Student's current CGPA (Criteria 2)	Student's yearly family income (Criteria 3)	

3. Shortlisted applicant list for the next quarter would be provided to Samsung at the end of every quarter. The Applicants within this list can be the same or different depending on graduation of students in the month of May'21, and arriving of new students, or, due to ineligibility of certain students to receive further fellowship under the Program due to any reason whatsoever
4. The list of Samsung *IITx* Fellows, along with name, roll number, department and course details, will be shared with SIEL **and posted at IITs website** with photographs
5. IITs are responsible for disbursing the Samsung Fellowship amount into the bank accounts of selected students at the end of each month for the duration of the grant of Samsung Fellowship
6. A student can receive the Samsung Fellowship for a maximum period of 1 year. In case however, the fellowship is stopped prior to the end of the duration of its grant, either due to graduation of the student or removal from the Samsung Fellowship programme for any reason whatsoever, IITs may, in consultation and approval of Samsung, grant balance amount of such fellowship to another student
7. If students of UG courses, availing Samsung Fellowship, pursue PG courses from the same or different IIT, they are eligible to be given Samsung Fellowships for PG, provided they

qualify the criteria set out in this Rule Book. For purposes of this Rule Book, a UG qualified student, who gets admission in PG courses is seen as a new student

8. IITs shall provide a **Utilization Certificate** every quarter (3 months), during middle of the month following the previous quarter for which Advance Fellowship has been paid. That is, if the Fellowship has been paid for the months of January till March, the quarterly Utilization Certificate should arrive by mid-April. The Utilization Certificate would be accompanied by a Bank Statement, signed & stamped (preferably on bank's letterhead). During the month of March ~ April, annual audited statements, from a Chartered Accountant, shall be required
9. Universities are free to choose the quarter, coinciding with quarters in the financial calendar (Apr'2 n till Mar'2($n+1$)), or on the basis of academic calendar (Jun'2 n till May'2($n+1$))
10. After receiving the Utilization Certificate and bank/ audited statements, and after gaining satisfaction with the process, Samsung shall grant the Fellowship amount for the next quarter
11. IITs would be receiving an Overhead Charges of 5% from Samsung for disbursement, handling & reporting, also paid in advance on a quarterly basis. This amount is subject to students being paid through the Program, and would be calculated on a pro-rata basis
12. Any and all amounts paid in advance, that are not spent by IITs, including Overhead Charges, shall be adjusted in the next quarter
13. Samsung may prevent an applicant from receiving Samsung Fellowship at any time on basis of the results of its audit. In such a case, IITs shall stop paying fellowship amount to the concerned student in above mentioned facts and circumstances
14. Samsung and IITs, both reserve the right to terminate the Fellowship (including the MOU) within a period of 30 days, by written confirmation

5. GENERAL RULES

1. The Rules may evolve and get revised, refined, updated, amended, modified or changed from time to time at the sole discretion of Samsung and without any prior notice, and shall be binding on all parties concerned, including the Applicants and Institute Authorities
2. The effect of year-to-year (periodic) refinements in the Rules, on the students admitted in earlier months, shall be dealt with appropriately and carefully, so as to ensure that those students are not subjected to any unfair situation whatsoever, although they are required to conform to these revised set of Rules, without any undue favor or considerations
3. Participation to the Program is voluntary. Participation to the Program constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. By applying under the Program, both IITs and Applicant(s) agrees to receive communication(s) from Samsung or its Agency relating to the Program, and Applicant(s) unconditionally agrees not to make any claim or raise any complaint against Samsung or the Agency in this respect

4. Anybody found using any unfair means (which includes, but not limited to cheating in exams, plagiarism, etc.) will be immediately disqualified under the Program after consultation with the respective IIT
5. Applicant gives Samsung the consent to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for purposes of public relations, without any further permissions or consent or consideration in any form
6. Samsung shall not be liable for any loss or damage due to act of God, epidemic, pandemic, governmental actions, other force majeure events and shall not be liable to pay any amount as compensation or otherwise for any such loss
7. Samsung reserves the absolute right to amend the Terms of the Fellowship program or extend the Program Period or cancel or discontinue the Program or any part thereof without giving any reasons or prior notice
8. Failure by Samsung to enforce any of its right at any stage does not constitute a waiver of those rights
9. In no event shall Samsung be liable for any losses or claims, direct, and/or any incidental or consequential damages arising out of and/or in connection with the Program, howsoever arising, including negligence
10. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency regarding any instructions, rules and conditions relating to the Program, these Rules shall prevail over all such other instructions, rules and conditions.
11. Decision of Samsung in relation to the Program and matter incidental thereto shall be final and binding on the Applicants. All disputes shall be governed by the laws of India. Terms shall be governed by exclusive laws of India and respective courts, as mentioned in individual MOUs with IITs, shall have exclusive jurisdiction in respect to the Program.
12. Samsung as well as IITs shall abide by all applicable laws.

6. COMMUNICATION WITH IITs & APPLICANTS

1. All efforts will be made by Samsung to complete the process within the indicated timelines; however there may be unexpected delays, for which a communication and the revised timelines will be shared with the IITs (and the applicants) on their e-mail addresses
2. IITs and applicants (students) are requested to ensure that any communication related to Samsung Fellows program is done only on official communication email id: samsung.fellows@samsung.com