

**DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (DST) AWARDS FOR**

**PARTICIPATION IN THE**

**75th MEETING OF NOBEL LAUREATES & STUDENTS**

**Lindau, Germany during June 28 – July 3, 2026**

**LAST DATE: 20th September 2025**

Each year since 1951, Nobel Prize winners in Chemistry, Physics, Physiology or Medicine have been meeting in Lindau, Germany, to discuss major issues of importance to their fields with students from around the world. The meetings include lectures, panel/ round-table discussions on interdisciplinary topics and informal small- group meetings with the Nobel Prize winners. The DST has been sending a group of students / young researchers to these meetings since 2001.

It is intended to send a group of Indian Students /young researchers to the 75th Meeting of Nobel Laureates & Students during **28th June to 3rd July 2026**, which is dedicated to **Interdisciplinary Sciences** [Students/ Young researchers involved in studying/ doing research at the intersection of at least two Nobel disciplines (physics, chemistry, and physiology or medicine) orat the intersection of one Nobel discipline and another discipline from the social or natural sciences].

Applications are invited from bright and young students and researchers in the above disciplines for availing this award. The lectures and discussions are at a level appropriate for students/researchers in their early research careers. More details of the meeting can be seen at [**www.lindau-nobel.org**](http://www.lindau-nobel.org/)

**Terms of Award**:

The selected participants will be provided with International travel related expenses, local transportation, lodging (twin-sharing basis) and boarding for attending the Meeting. It is mandatory for the selected students to attend the complete full week programme in Germany as well as briefing meeting prior to departure to Germany. The Indian team of selected students shall leave for Lindau from Delhi and shall return back to Delhi after the completion of the Nobel laureates meeting. Personal or other visits by candidates to institutes other than the scheduled programme during the above period will not be entertained.

It is mandatory that the selected candidates should submit the reports on the Lindau meeting after completion of the programmes and any information document as and when required by DST within the time frame.

No escorts/ accompanying persons will be allowed with the participants and no request for personalized programme during this period would be considered in any case. The applicants would also not be allowed to withdraw the nomination after selection.

**Eligibility**:

1. Only Indian science students (by citizenship) studying / working / affiliated to research Institutes / universities in India are eligible.
2. Engineering / Tech. students are not eligible.
3. Indian students studying and doing post-doc / internship / or staying in Germany / abroad are also not eligible for this award.

**There are three categories of participants to be nominated**:

1. Master Students
2. Doctoral Students and
3. Young Post-doctoral researcher below the age of 35 years

**All selected participants shall-**

* show a genuine interest in science and research,
* demonstrate excellence in their principal field of studies and to the interdisciplinary work,
* receive very strong support of their application by academic advisors and/or internationally renowned scientists, who know the applicant well **(two detailed recommendation letters are required)**,
* be fluent in English, capable of active participant in discussions,
* be prepared to actively participate in discussions with Laureates and Young Scientists
* not older than **35 years of age as on closing date of the call i.e. 20th September 2025.**
* not have participated in the previous Lindau Meetings,
* submit fully completed applications to DST and after short listing by DST, the online application to Lindau website (incomplete applications shall be out right rejected),
* commit themselves to being present for the full duration of the meeting.
* have engaged in extracurricular activities

**Additional eligibility requirements in each category are**:

**Category-A: Master Students, who**

* + exhibit a solid general knowledge in the Nobel disciplines (physics, chemistry, and physiology or medicine),
	+ demonstrate independent research experience
	+ have performed excellent research, documented, for example, by publications, conference presentations, grants or other academic awards
	+ should be among top three in the order of merit in the class for 1st year of M.Sc. or in 4th year of 5-year integrated master’s programme. Rank certificate from the Head of the Department is to be provided with application.

**Category-B: Doctoral Students, who:**

* + show excellent academic accomplishments
	+ have produced some very good research work
	+ have performed excellent research, documented, for example, by publications, conference presentations, grants or other academic awards
	+ must have completed two years from the date of registration for Ph.D.
	+ should be among top three in the order of merit in M.Sc.

**Category-C: Postdoctoral scientists, who:**

* + are at an early career stage (i.e. up to 5 years of postdoctoral experience; optimum about 2-3 years after doctoral degree)
	+ have presented their work at international scientific meetings, preferably as (invited) speakers
	+ have published results of own scientific research in refereed journals, preferentially as 1st author
	+ Should be among top three in the order of merit in M.Sc.

**Application process**:

* Eligible Candidates are required to fill and submit the applications through online mode only on the following portal – <https://onlinedst.gov.in> Applications received through any other mode would not be accepted and summarily rejected. This online portal shall be available for the advertisement submission deadline.
* Candidates must carefully go through the instructions before filling the application form. Submission of hard copies of applications is **NOT REQUIRED**.
* The candidates must be in possession of valid passport at the time of application.
* The candidates will also be required to upload the relevant certificates/ documents. It is the responsibility of the candidates to ensure that they follow the instructions while filling the application and upload clear legible certificates/ documents. Uploading of illegible/ incorrect certificates/ documents may lead to rejection of the candidature.
* Documents/ information submitted subsequent to submission of application will not be considered/ accepted.
* The reference letter need not be sealed or packed separately but must be uploaded while submitting the application. The reference letter through mails and separate post shall not be considered.
* A complete application consists of:
1. Online application along with duly attested mandatory: Education Certificates/ MSc Rank Certificate/ Awards/ Declaration by the candidate and Recommendation of the Head of the organization (**Annexure I**)/ Certificates substantiating the information provided in the application.
2. At least two letter of reference from an academician and/ or internationally renowned scientists, who know the applicant well. See guidelines from Lindau Foundation at **Annexure-II**.
3. Application must be submitted no later than **20 September 2025 / 17.00 Hrs.**
4. No legal claims can be derived from the submission of a proposal.

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING ONLINE APPLICATION**

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| 1. | Log on <https://onlinedst.gov.in> to access the home page of the “DST e-PMS Portal”.  |
| 2. | Before filling up the form candidates are advised to carefully go through the Relevant Advertisement published at the DST Website ([www.dst.gov.in](http://www.dst.gov.in)) and also available under Proposal Formats in the e-PMS Portal ([www.onlinedst.gov.in](http://www.onlinedst.gov.in)) after logging in the portal site. |
| 3. | To save your time and avoid data loss please save the sectional pages following fill in of all the information required for the respective section before progressing on to the next section. |
| 4. | After filling all above particulars there is provision for preview your detail before final submission of application form on clicking on “Preview” button. Preview page will display all facts/ particulars that you have mentioned. If you are sure with filled details, then click on “Submit” button. Candidates are advised to carefully fill and verify the details filled in the online application themselves as no change will be possible/ entertained after clicking the FINAL SUBMIT BUTTON. |
| 5. | Following submission of your application a TPN No. will be generated which may be considered as an acknowledgement of successful submission of your application. You can also track your submitted application under ‘Track your project’ link. |

**Annexure-I**

**Declaration by the candidate:**

I hereby declare that all the information given above is true to the best of knowledge. Further, in the event of being selected, I undertake to-

* + 1. Accept the offer to participate in the meeting of Nobel Laureates & Students and will attend the full programme and will not seek any personalized programme during the trip.
		2. I will abide by all rules, regulations, directives of DST and Lindau Council while attending the meeting.
		3. I will attend the briefing meeting, in case the same is organized by DST in Delhi before the departure to Germany, if any.
		4. I will join the team in Delhi for onward journey and return back to Delhi as planned by DST and shall not seek any extension for any individualized travel programme.
		5. I will not withdraw nomination at any later stage.
		6. I will submit the completion report/ or any other document as and when required by DST within the deadlines.
		7. Failure to abide by the above clauses, I shall refund all the expenses incurred by DST.

Place:

Date: Signature of the applicant

**Recommendation of the Head of the institution**

Signature of the Head of the Institution with seal & contact details (i.e. telephone and email ID)

Place:

Date:

**Annexure-II Guidelines from Lindau Foundation on recommendation letters:**

Dear Nominating Partners,

Over the past years, we have observed that numerous letters of recommendation have been issued as a standard version. For this reason, we would like to introduce some guidelines on how we envision a recommendation letter:

1. Length: roughly one DIN A4 page/one standard letter size submitted as a pdf file.
2. Language: English.
3. A description of the candidate’s achievements that could also cover details not found in the candidate´s CV. A description of the nominating institution is not necessary.
4. An individual letters for each candidate and not a standard letter that is the same (or very similar) for all the candidates.
5. The letter should be written by a person who knows the candidate well, e.g. supervisor of the Master or Ph.D. thesis.

Please keep in mind that the letter of recommendation is an important factor in the evaluation process and that it does influence the results.

We appreciate your collaboration and look forward to receiving your nominations.

Sincerely yours,

*Vice President of the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings Scientific Chairman of the 75th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting 2026*