

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARE SELECTION COMMITTEE 2025-2026

The FARE Selection Committee (2025-26) discussed on November 26, 2025, to consider the requests for FARE Fellowship.

FARE Fellowship Eligibility Criteria:

- i. The student should be currently enrolled in the full-time PhD programme at IIT Kanpur. S/he should submit the thesis no later than 5 years and 6 months from the date of her/his first registration in the PhD program at IIT Kanpur. This period excludes the leave availed on medical grounds for a semester, if any.
- ii. A student interested in applying for FARE must submit an application within three months of PhD thesis submission.
- iii. S/he must have at least one accepted/published research work/paper (or equivalent work) in any reputed journals/proceedings, etc., of the level equivalent to Q1 or Q2 journals from her/his PhD research as first author at the time of application.
- iv. Journal or Conference publication mentioned in the FARE Application should have online references, such as DOI / Weblinks for consideration.
- v. Eligibility criteria for Patent Consideration:
 - Patent(s) must be part of applicant's PhD thesis work, and grant certificate should be submitted as part of FARE application.
 - The patent must have at least 25% contribution from the FARE applicant.
- vi. All the currently registered students of Y18 and onward batches are eligible to apply for FARE.
- vii. Those students of Y18 and Y19 batches fulfilling condition (i), who have already submitted their thesis but have not defended it as of the date of this office order are eligible to apply for FARE.
- viii. A one-time relaxation is being granted to Y18 and Y19 students, allowing them to be eligible for the FARE fellowship if they submit their thesis within 6 years and 6 months for Y18 students and 6 years for Y19 students from their initial registration date.
- ix. The thesis submission deadlines are as follows: Y18 – within 6 years 6 months with 12 months fellowship; Y19 – within 6 years with 12 months fellowship; Y20 (1st sem) – within 5 years 6 months with 12 months fellowship; Y20 (2nd sem onward) – within 5 years with 12 months fellowship or within 5 years 6 months with 6 months fellowship on a pro-rata basis; all deadlines correspond to the late academic registration dates of their respective semesters, excluding summer terms.

Considerations:

- One applicant from the Department of Chemistry (CHM) have applied for the FARE Fellowship. Her PhD thesis work has been published in Q2 journal.
- One applicant from the Department of Physics (PHY) have applied for the FARE Fellowship. His PhD thesis work has been published in Q2 journal.
- A Ph.D. student from the Department of Aerospace Engineering (AE) has requested that her maternity leave period needs to be considered for an extension of the deadline for submitting Ph.D. thesis.

Details:

Nidhi Saini / 20107285 / CHM

Findings:

- Title of the Paper: Organocatalytic Asymmetric Cascade Michael-Acyl Transfer Reaction between 2-Fluoro-1,3-diketones and 2-Hydroxynitrostyrenes
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Nidhi Saini (Applicant)
- Journal Name: Journal of Organic Chemistry
- Journal Level: Q2
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 27-08-2020
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 18-11-2025
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 2 Months, 22 Days

Findings:

- Title of the Paper: Hostility prevents the tragedy of the commons in metapopulation with asymmetric migration: A lesson from queenless ants
 - Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
 - First Author: Joy Das Bairagya (Applicant)
 - Journal Name: Physical Reviewe
 - Journal Level: Q2
 - Published / Accepted: Published
 - Date of PhD Registration: 27-08-2020
 - Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 20-11-2025
 - Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 2 Months, 24 Days
- The applicant, is a Ph.D. scholar from the Department of Aerospace Engineering (AE), availed maternity leave during the period from 15 December 2021 to 28 February 2022. The applicant has submitted all requisite documents, including medical certificates and formal leave approvals. She has requested that the aforementioned three-month maternity leave period be considered for an extension of her Ph.D. timeline, specifically for the purpose of determining her eligibility under the FARE Fellowship scheme. She has submitted her Ph.D. thesis on 06 November 2025, which currently exceeds the stipulated deadline for the fellowship by approximately three months. However, she submits that if the sanctioned maternity leave period is appropriately factored into her academic timeline, her effective thesis submission date would fall within the permissible window defined by the FARE Fellowship guidelines.

Committee Decision:

- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Nidhi Saini / 20107285 / CHM
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Joy Das Bairagya / 20109873 / PHY
- Upon detailed review, the committee observes that the institute has already granted the maximum permissible extensions to the Y-18 batch, including those got affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and other academic disruptions. The final deadline for thesis submission was set as the late academic registration date for the 14th semester, i.e., 06 August 2025. It came to notice that the applicant had availed maternity leave during 2021–2022, which was well in advance considering actual thesis submission date (6th November 2025). Hence, she had considerable time for submission before stipulated extended time period (6th August 2025). Considering timely intimation on the significant extension for Y18 batch and the FARE Fellowship being a competitive and time-bound scheme, , the Committee concludes that no further extensions can be offered to the Y18 batch. Hence, the request for eligibility extension is regretfully declined.



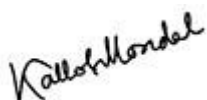
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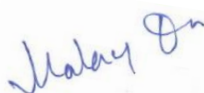
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