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A Bilateral Institution of Government of India (DST) and Federal Government of Germany (BMFT)

IGSTC/PECFAR - 2025/05937/MG-DK/43/2025-26/156

Date: 30 September 2025

AWARD LETTER

Subject: Paired Early Career Fellowship in Applied Research (PECFAR) Call 2025: Dr Dharavath Kishan, NIT Karnataka (NITK) & Dr Moein Ghadrhan, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) - Award and Release of grant.

Approval of the Director, Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC) is hereby accorded for the award of **“Paired Early Career Fellowship in Applied Research (PECFAR) – Call 2025”** to the following pair to undertake joint networking and research visits in their respective host institutions.

Indian member of the Pair	German member of the Pair
Dr Dharavath Kishan Assistant Professor NIT Karnataka (NITK) Room No 203, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Surathkal, Mangalore - 575025, Karnataka, India	Dr Moein Ghadrhan Group leader Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) Hermann-von-Helmholtz-Platz 1 Building 418, Room 122, Eggenstein-Leopoldshafen, Baden-Württemberg - 76344, Germany
Fellowship Tenure: 15/04/2026 to 15/06/2026	Fellowship Tenure: 01/12/2025 to 31/01/2026
Total Sanction € 6100.00 for 2 months	Total Sanction € 6100.00 for 2 months

IGSTC shall release the Grant (only after the fulfillment of the required compliances) by means of electronic transfer to the following A/c as per bank account details given below:

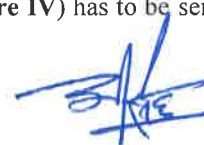
Beneficiary Name	NIT Karnataka
Account Name	Director NITK A/c
Account / IBAN No.	10175367556
IFSC / Swift / Sort Code	SBIN0002273
Bank Name & Address	State Bank of India, NITK, Srinivasnagar, Mangaluru – 575025, Karnataka, India

Beneficiary Name	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)
Account Name	Karlsruher Institut für Technologie (KIT)
Account / IBAN No.	DE18 6005 0101 7495 5012 96
IFSC / Swift / Sort Code	SOLADEST600
Bank Name & Address	Baden-Württembergische Bank, Friedrichsplatz 1–3, Karlsruhe - 76133, Germany

Release of the Fellowship grant, including travel is subject to the following conditions:

- Fellowship grant shall be disbursed in lumpsum, including travel as per the schedule given in **Annexure I**;
- All terms & conditions as per the **Annexure II** must be adhered up to the completion of the Fellowship by the Awardees;
- An Undertaking as per **Annexure III**, on official letter head, signed & stamped by the authorized signatory of the Institution and submitted to IGSTC. Following receipt of Undertaking, funds shall be transferred. For Indian Awardee the original signed undertaking has to be sent to the IGSTC Secretariat, India; and for German Awardee, the original signed Undertaking along with Invoice (as per **Annexure IV**) has to be sent to the German Project Office, IGSTC, Germany.

The acceptance and acknowledgement are to be forwarded on receipt of this Award letter.



(Inderjit Singh)

Chief Administrative Officer

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Copy to:

1. Prof. Udaya Bhat, Dean (Research & Consultancy), Director, NITK Surathkal, Mangaluru
2. Prof. Dr.-Ing. G. De Carne, Institute for Technical Physics, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
3. Mr. Pankaj Kothari, Accounts Officer, IGSTC Secretariat, New Delhi
4. Ms. Doerte Merk, IGSTC German Project Office, DLR-PT, Bonn
5. Ms. Alexandra Stinner, IGSTC German Project Office, DLR-PT, Bonn
6. Project File No IGSTC/PECFAR - 2025/05937/MG-DK/43/2025-26



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Chief Administrative Officer

Financial Support and Disbursement Schedule

1. Financial Support:

The financial support for the period of Fellowship by IGSTC shall be paid in lumpsum, including travel and will be limited to:

- Fellowship amount: maximum € 2300 per month (shall be paid on pro rata basis as per actual visit duration, excluding travel dates).
- Travel related cost amount: € 1500 Single round trip (shortest route) economy class airfare including visa fees, medical & travel insurance, local travel in the host country, airport transfers by shortest and economical public transport and costs for networking visits.

2. Disbursement Schedule:

Indian Awardee: Dr Dharavath Kishan			
No.	Duration	Release of grants	Amount to be released (Equivalent to INR)
1	15/04/2026 - 15/06/2026	80% of the total sanctioned fellowship	€ 4880.00
2	Within 4 weeks from the completion of Fellowship by the Awardee*	The remaining admissible amount shall be reimbursed after completion of the visit as per actual visit duration subject to the maximum limit.	Up to € 1220.00
Total			€ 6100.00

German Awardee: Dr Moein Ghadrhan			
No.	Duration	Release of grants	Amount to be released
1	01/12/2025 - 31/01/2026	80% of the total sanctioned fellowship	€ 4880.00
2	Within 4 weeks from the completion of Fellowship by the Awardee*	The remaining admissible amount shall be reimbursed after completion of the visit as per actual visit duration subject to the maximum limit.	Up to € 1220.00
Total			€ 6100.00

Note:

1. *1st Tranche will be paid in advance after receiving of Undertaking (from both awardees) and Invoice (from German awardee). The subsequent Grant shall only be reimbursed after completion of visit of respective awardee on receipt of all the necessary documentation.
2. Once the undertaking has been received from the awardee's institution, change in visit dates shall not be entertained and the awardee is under obligation to visit the respective host institutions as per visit duration mentioned in the undertaking. However, medical conditions & valid travel restrictions shall be considered grounds for exemption under exceptional circumstances.
3. The exchange rate for conversion of Euro equivalent to INR and vice versa shall be considered and fixed as per the prevailing exchange reference rate of RBI on the date of declaration of result of that Call.
4. “.” is decimal.

(Inderjit Singh)
Chief Administrative Officer

IGSTC TERMS & CONDITIONS OF THE AWARD

1. The Awardees must complete their visits within 12 months from the declaration of PECFAR Award results. Ideally, the time gap between the visits of the two Awardees should be less than 6 months.
2. In no case, the visit duration and the time available to complete the visit (12 months from the date of result declaration) can be extended. No such request shall be entertained.
3. The fellowship tenure excludes the date of travel, and the awardee needs to be present at their host institute during the fellowship period.
4. IGSTC grant is for supporting monthly Fellowship, an economy class single round-trip in shortest and economical airfare, cost of visa fees, medical & travel insurance (should cover the entire fellowship visit duration, including travel dates), airport transfer international & domestic and cost of travel to perform networking visits in host country. No other financial assistance in any circumstances or any form will be considered & paid to the awardee.
5. The IGSTC will disburse the grant as per the disbursement schedule in Annexure I and conditions attached to it.
6. The Awardees are bound to provide all the relevant documents to IGSTC for availing fellowship grant during or even after the completion of the Fellowship tenure.
7. Obtaining air tickets, visa and travel/medical insurance for the Fellowship duration is the sole responsibility of the Awardees. It is, however, the awardee should plan the visit and apply for VISA well in advance (immediately after receiving of IGSTC award letter) to book the economical airfare within the sanctioned limit.
8. After the award of fellowship, the Awardees should not deviate from:
 - a) the identified Paired Fellow & Host Institution.
 - b) the approved planned activities, including travel dates and places.
9. It is the sole responsibility of the Host Institutions to obtain all the requisite sensitivity/security clearance from the government/concerned authorities.
10. It is the sole responsibility of the Institution/Awardee to maintain strict confidentiality of all, or any part of the information and data exchanged/generated/shared in any form.
11. Within 4 weeks of completion of the fellowship visit, the Awardees must submit the following documents in the prescribed format (available on IGSTC website):
 - i. Utilization Certificate (UC) & Statement of Expenditure (SE) signed by the competent authority.
 - ii. Fellowship Visit Report (Individual) endorsed by the host institution
 - iii. Attendance Report endorsed by the host institution
 - iv. Boarding Pass
 - v. Copy of Visa
 - vi. Fellowship Completion Report (Joint, to be submitted after both the awardees have travelled)
 - vii. Photos and videos of the visit (High resolution)
12. It is the responsibility of the Awardee and the Institution to submit the duly verified Utilization Certificate (UC) and Statement of Expenditure (SE) upon completion of the fellowship visit.
13. The Awardees must duly recognize and acknowledge IGSTC-PECFAR Fellowship in all online/print documents, communications, reports, publications, presentations, PhD thesis, patents etc. on work resulting from the Fellowship. Awardees are encouraged to include the statement "This work was supported by the IGSTC PECFAR awarded to XX."



1. Any unspent amount of grants will have to be refunded to IGSTC. Once the refund is made, the awardee is under obligation to intimate the IGSTC Office on transfer of refund with the necessary transaction details.
 - a) For Indian Awardees: IGSTC Indian Account details are given below-
 - Beneficiary Name: Indo-German Science & Technology Centre
 - Account Number: 349902010043192
 - IFS Code: UBIN0534994
 - MICR Code: 110026016
 - Bank Name: Union Bank of India
 - Bank Address: C-4, Community Centre, Safdarjang Development Area, New Delhi - 110016
 - b) For German Awardees: The IGSTC German Project Office shall intimate the details and mode of refund on case-to-case basis.
2. The Awardees are bound to utilize the complete duration of the approved fellowship without any break in a single visit to the Host country. In case the Awardee stays beyond the approved Fellowship period, IGSTC will not be liable for any financial commitments in any form for the extended period of stay. On the contrary, in case of any exigency, the Awardees shall be permitted to return to India/Germany for the specific purpose. The Awardees, however, will bear the cost of his/her visit. IGSTC shall not provide any additional financial support for the same.
3. The Awardees must intimate and seek prior approval from IGSTC in case of discontinuation/pre- closure of the fellowship. All the information and documentation to justify the discontinuation/pre-closure of fellowship should be submitted to IGSTC. Discontinuation/pre- closure can only be considered in exceptional cases as deemed appropriate by Director, IGSTC.
4. In case of approved discontinuation or pre-closure of the fellowship, the Institutions shall refund the fellowship amount (2300 Euro/month) on a pro-rata basis from the date of premature closure. Full disbursed amount should be refunded to IGSTC in case of non-approval of discontinuation or premature closure.
5. The Awardees will abide by the rules & regulations of the host institution and the country. IGSTC will not be responsible for violation of any rules & regulations by the Awardees.
6. IGSTC will not be liable towards any statutory payments concerning rules governing the payment of salary, leave, medical, gratuity, GPF, pension etc., of the Awardees in the affiliated Parent Organization/Institution/University. Timely disbursement of grant to the awardee is the sole responsibility of the institute.
7. Institute shall provide access to the premises, basic infrastructure and other required facilities for the PECFAR Pair to undertake the research project as per the requirements of the project.
8. The awardees are adhered to follow the Tax provisions and compliance of the respective country (India & Germany) related to their Fellowship received from IGSTC under PECFAR. No Tax exemption is available with IGSTC.
9. The institute and the awardee must fulfill all grant conditions and exercise necessary checks to ensure that the grant is utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned. No institutional costs or overheads or administration costs are admissible.
10. In case of violation of any terms and conditions by the institute and/or awardee, the total sanctioned grant shall be refunded to IGSTC in a single tranche. In such a case, IGSTC also reserves the right to take necessary steps against the Awardee and/or the signing authority as deemed appropriate.

