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PRL Junior Research Fellowship Programme 2026

The Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) invites applications for Junior Research Fellowships (JRFs) from highly motivated, research-oriented, and dynamic individuals.

Broad Research Areas:

The selected JRFs will carry out research on any of the areas: astronomy and astrophysics, solar and stellar astrophysics, exoplanets, neutron stars, condensed matter physics, high-energy physics, dark matter, neutrino physics, collider physics, machine learning, quantum science & technology, atomic and molecular physics, attosecond physics, astrochemistry, luminescence science, atmosphere and ionosphere of Earth and planets, space weather, trace gases, climate change, Indian planetary missions, Earth Science, carbon cycling, isotope hydrology, paleoclimate studies, chemical weathering, sedimentary basin evolution, glacial environment, aerosol chemistry, etc.

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Fellowship & Stipend

JRF: ₹37,000/month; SRF: ₹42,000/month (awarded after 2 years, subject to successful academic review).

Special ATAL Fellowship: ₹40,000/month (in-kind) for 3rd to 5th year, for exceptionally meritorious research fellows.

Eligibility :

Advt. No. PRL/JRF/02-2026

1. Bachelor's (B.Sc. / B.Tech.)/Master's (M.Sc. / MTech. / M.Sc. (integrated) / MS) in Physics, Engineering Physics, Photonics, Space/ Atmospheric Science, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Meteorology, Geology, Geophysics, Earth Science, Oceanography, or Remote Sensing (minimum first class and 60% marks).
2. Must have qualified any National test: CSIR-UGC-NET JRF/AP (Dec 2024 or later)/ GATE 2024 or later/ JEST 2025/2026, or UGC-NET JRF/AP in Environmental Sciences (for Geosciences, Space & Atmospheric, or Planetary Sciences applicants only).
3. Applicant must be an Indian citizen who studied at a recognized Indian university/institute.
4. Upper age limit: 28 years as of 01 July 2026. Candidates with DST-INSPIRE or CSIR-JRF fellowships are encouraged to apply.

Application & Process

- Apply online at www.prl.res.in/prl-eng/phd from **02 April to 30 April 2026**.
- Offline interviews for shortlisted candidates: **8-11 June 2026**.
- Non-compliance with eligibility & credentials results in cancellation of the application/ candidature.