

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. I am pleased to inform that Department of Science and Technology (DST) has launched a new initiative Augmenting Writing Skills for Articulating Research (AWSAR) to bridge yawning gap in communicating research in the realm of Science and Technology (S&T) to layman by utilizing latent potential of PhD Scholars and Post-Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Fellows (PDFs). These PhD Scholars and PDFs would be encouraged to submit popular stories about their respective research work for AWSAR Award.

2. Under this initiative 120 best popular science stories (100 from PhD Scholars and 20 from PDFs), will be selected for cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- along with certificate of Appreciation. Authors of three best stories from PhD Scholars category will get a cash award of Rs.1,00,000/- Rs.50,000/-, Rs. 25,000/- respectively and the author of most outstanding story from PDFs category will be awarded Rs.1,00,000/-.

3. As your University/R&D Institute has large number of PhD Scholars and PDFs pursuing research in the area of S&T, it is requested that these young researchers should be inspired to submit one popular science story under AWSAR program during the tenancy period of their fellowship. This will support DST in creating significant & lasting impact in public understanding of science and attending the goal of scientifically empowered society.

4. I am happy to apprise you that DST is going to announce the ‘*Call for entries*’ for AWSAR Award in August 2019 in leading Newspapers and social media. I would be glad if the enclosed advertisement is circulated widely among various department /Centers/Division of your University/Institution for extensive participation by research scholars and PDFs. For more information related to this program, you may kindly visit: [www.awsar-dst.in](http://www.awsar-dst.in).

I apologize in case of multiple entries of same mail in your inbox.

With warm regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. K.B. Bhushan  
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PI - AWSAR

For more information please visit <https://awsar-dst.in/guidelines>  
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## Augmenting Writing Skills for Articulating Research (AWSAR)

### Call for Entries

“Augmenting Writing Skills for Articulating Research (AWSAR)” is an initiative of Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. It endeavors to disseminate Indian research stories of Science, Technology & Innovation being pursued in the country in a format that is easy to understand and interesting for all the stakeholders.

DST invites lucid stories from PhD scholars and Post Doctoral Fellows (PDF) with an aim to strengthen the ecosystem of science communication and inculcate scientific temperament in society.

My  
Research



*Come,  
Join the new breed  
of science storytellers!*



### Who can apply

Indian citizen pursuing PhD or PDF in any stream of Science and Technology (S&T), within the tenancy period of her/his research, can submit the entry. The story must relate to research being pursued by him/her.



### Award categories

#### A. For PhD Scholars

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize : ₹1,00,000 (one)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize : ₹50,000 (one)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize : ₹25,000 (one)
- 100 selected entries : ₹10,000 each

#### B. For Post Doctoral Fellows

- One Outstanding story : ₹1,00,000
- 20 selected entries : ₹10,000 each



### Selection criteria

A panel consisting of eminent scientists and science communicators, constituted by DST, will evaluate the entries.

Entries can be submitted from **15 August 2019 till 30 September 2019**

For more information please visit [www.awsar-dst.in](http://www.awsar-dst.in)