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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE ENGAGEMENT OF MENTOR-OF-MENTORS UNDER
THE JHARKHAND GRASSROOTS INNOVATION INTERNSHIP SCHEME**

Online applications are hereby invited for the engagement of qualified candidates in the Jharkhand Council on Science, Technology and Innovation (JCSTI) as **Mentor-of-Mentors** under the provisions of the Jharkhand Grassroots Innovation Internship Scheme. The details regarding the engagement are provided below:

1. About JCSTI

The Jharkhand Council on Science, Technology and Innovation (JCSTI) is an autonomous body functioning under the Department of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Jharkhand. The primary objective of JCSTI is to promote and popularize science and technology, as well as to foster and disseminate scientific temper among the people of the State. For more details visit <https://jcsti.jharkhand.gov.in/>

2. About the Scheme

The Jharkhand Grassroots Innovation Internship Scheme (JGIIS) is a flagship initiative of the Government of Jharkhand. Under this scheme, a two-month, credit-based paid internship is offered to UG and PG students enrolled in the State Universities of Jharkhand, including their constituent and affiliated colleges, as well as private universities within the State. Each internship team comprises 04 students and 01 faculty mentor. All the students as well as the faculty mentor belong to the same Higher Education Institute.

The internship is conducted during the summer vacation of the respective universities, typically within the months of June to August. During the internship period, teams visit the Panchayats in Jharkhand to identify and scout local traditional knowledge and rural innovations. The findings are systematically compiled and submitted in the form of detailed internship reports by the students. For more information visit <https://grassroots.jharkhand.gov.in/>

3. Details of Engagement

This advertisement is for the engagement of candidates as Mentor-of-Mentors on a purely part-time voluntary basis for a period of four (04) months, tentatively within the months of May 2026 to September 2026. A maximum of 87 vacancies are available for the position. The selected Mentor-of-Mentors shall work online within flexible hours, based on the requirements of the tasks assigned by JCSTI.

4. Roles and Responsibilities:

Each Mentor-of-Mentor shall be assigned a maximum of fifty (50) internship teams under the scheme. The actual numbers of assigned teams shall be based on the number of teams registering for the internship. The mentor-of-mentors shall work as guides for the internship teams (Students and Mentors) and as the liaison between JCSTI, Knowledge Partners and Internship teams.

The selected candidates will have to mandatorily travel to Ranchi for a 2–3-day training at the start of the engagement. Rest of the tasks assigned to the mentor-of-mentors can be performed remotely (work from home). Periodic reviews on the status of the tasks shall be done online. Although most of the engagement will happen online, in case of any special requirement the mentor-of-mentor may have to travel to Ranchi or to the assigned panchayat. The roles and responsibilities of the Mentor-of-Mentor include, but not limited to the following:

- i. Coordinate with Panchayat and Block-level offices on call to collect and document basic information related to the respective Panchayats.
- ii. Provide online training to internship teams on various components and requirements of the internship program.
- iii. Provide online assistance to the internship teams in navigating the internship web portal and guide them in the preparation and submission of internship reports.
- iv. Ensure the timely submission of internship reports in accordance with the prescribed guidelines and deadlines.
- v. Coordinate with JCSTI to address and resolve any challenges or issues encountered by the internship teams during the internship period.
- vi. Review, evaluate, and assign scores to internship reports submitted by the teams upon completion of the internship.
- vii. Undertake any other duties assigned by JCSTI in accordance with the provisions of the scheme.

5. Honorarium:

Selected candidates will receive a monthly honorarium of INR 10,000 during the internship, amounting to a total consolidated honorarium of INR 40,000 for the entire four (04) month period.

However, as per the proposed amendment to the scheme, the honorarium may be revised to INR 20,000 per month, subject to approval from the competent authority. If approved, the revised honorarium will be applicable to the selected candidates. Applicants will be formally notified of any such revision through the JCSTI Web Portal, tentatively in the month of April or May 2026.

The honorarium shall be paid monthly on a pro-rata basis against successful completion of the assigned deliverables as per the provisions of the scheme. JCSTI shall be the competent authority for adjudicating the successful completion of the assigned tasks and disbursing the honorariums accordingly. The candidates shall also be provided with a training certificate and mentorship certificate upon the completion of their assigned tasks.

6. Eligibility Criteria:

The candidate must be full Time or Part Time Ph.D. students pursuing Ph.D. from any Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) in Jharkhand

7. Application Procedure:

- i. Candidates can apply online through this link: <https://forms.gle/EE8shwScv7WL4PM47>
- ii. Only applications through the mentioned link shall be valid. Application through any other mode shall be considered invalid.

- iii. The candidates need to upload a scanned copy of the following 03 documents along with the application:
- Adhaar card clearly displaying their name, address and gender
 - Score card / Proof of Qualification of UGC-NET, JET, University Level Ph.D. Entrance Exam or any other Ph.D. Entrance Examination.
 - Bonafide-cum-NOC Certificate in the format prescribed (*Annexure-1*) on the letterhead of the HEI, duly signed and stamped by the Ph.D. guide and Head of the Department.
- iv. The candidates also need to answer some scenario-based questions provided along with the application form. The answers shall be studied and used for shortlisting the candidates for the interview round. The assessment consists of a total of 10 questions, with each question carrying 5 marks, making the maximum possible score 50 marks. There is no negative marking. Candidates are required to answer each question concisely and professionally, with a maximum limit of 100 words per response.

8. Shortlisting and Selection of Candidates

- i. The initial shortlisting of candidates will be conducted based on 04 parameters. The parameters along with the scoring matrix is shown below:

Parameter	Scoring Matrix
Responses to the scenario-based questions submitted at the time of application. (10 Questions x 5 Marks Each Question)	50 Marks
Type of Ph.D. Entrance Examination qualified by the candidate (NET, JET, University Level Entrance Examination or any other entrance examination)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidate is NET Qualified = 15 Marks Candidate is JET Qualified = 10 Marks Candidate Qualified any other Entrance Examination = 5 Marks
Type of institute from which the candidate is pursuing Ph.D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institutes of National Importance (IITs / NITs / IIMs / AIIMS/ IIITs etc.) =10 Marks Any other University or Institute = 5 Marks
Year of Ph.D. in which the candidate is currently engaged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Third Year = 15 Marks Second Year = 10 Marks First Year = 5 Marks
Domain in which the candidate is pursuing Ph.D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domain of Intellectual Property Rights, Social Sciences, Rural Development or Public Policy = 10 Marks Any Other Domain = 0 Marks
Maximum Marks	100

- ii. Candidates shall be shortlisted in the ratio of 1:3 against the number of vacancies available. Shortlisted candidates shall be intimated through e-mail and called for an online personal interview round. The maximum marks for the personal interview shall be 100.
- iii. The final selection will be determined on the basis of cumulative scores obtained from both the shortlisting phase and the personal interview round. Candidates with higher cumulative scores shall be selected. The formula for the cumulative score shall be:

Cumulative Score: $0.6 \times \text{Score obtained in personal interview} + 0.4 \times \text{Score obtained in shortlisting phase}$. For Example:

Marks obtained in shortlisting phase = 80

Marks obtained in personal interview = 60

Cumulative Score = $(0.6 \times 80) + (0.4 \times 60) = 48 + 24 = 72$

- iv. In case of a tie the following tie breaker matrix shall be followed:
 - a. Candidates with higher scores in interview round shall be preferred
 - b. If the tie still persists, candidates with higher scores in responses to the scenario-based questions shall be preferred
 - c. If the tie still persists, candidates with higher ages will be preferred.
- v. Offer letters shall be provided to the selected candidates' post approval from the competent authority.
- vi. A provisional waitlist of candidates shall be prepared by JCSTI. In the event that any selected candidate fails to accept the offer letter within the prescribed time period, candidates on the waitlist shall become eligible for consideration for the position, in accordance with the order of the waitlist.

9. Important Timelines

- i. Start Date of Application: **13/03/2026**
- ii. Last Date of Submission of Application: **07/04/2026**
- iii. Publication of List of Applicants Shortlisted for Interview: **11/04/2026**
- iv. Date of Personal Interview: **To be Communicated Later**
- v. Publication of Final Selection List: **To be Communicated Later**

10. General Instructions

- i. The above engagement of mentor-of-mentors is purely temporary and does not confer any right/claim whatsoever, either explicitly or implicitly for regular appointment in any post of JCSTI or DHTE.
- ii. This engagement of mentor-of-mentors shall be valid for Four (04) months only, from the date mentioned in the offer letters.
- iii. Shortlisted candidates must produce all their original documents uploaded during the time of application at the time of personal interview, if asked for verification.
- iv. Selected Mentor-of-Mentors shall be provided a mandatory orientation-cum-training program in physical mode at a notified date in Ranchi after their joining.
- v. The mentor-of-mentors shall comply with all the provisions of the Government Resolution of the Scheme, as amended from time to time, and all rules and regulations issues in this regard. The Government Resolution can be downloaded from <https://grassroots.jharkhand.gov.in/>. The amended Government Resolution of the scheme shall be made available on the portal in the month of May/June post approval from the competent authority.
- vi. If the information furnished by the candidate in any part is found to be false or incomplete or is not found to be in conformity with the eligibility criteria mentioned in this advertisement, the candidature will be revoked / terminated at any stage of selection process or after joining.

- vii. JCSTI reserves the right to modify/cancel the advertisement without assigning any reason, and its decision in this regard shall be final and binding.
- viii. The decision of selection of the candidates by JCSTI shall be final and binding.
- ix. Any kind of lobbying for selection shall lead to cancellation of the candidature.
- x. JCSTI reserves the right to terminate the candidature or appointment of any candidate at any stage, either before or after the appointment, on grounds deemed appropriate by JCSTI in accordance with its rules and regulations.
- xi. All information and updates regarding shortlisting, selection and modification regarding the selection process shall be published only on <https://jcsti.jharkhand.gov.in/>
- xii. For any details regarding the advertisement please contact us through the following numbers 8987406302 / 7667073752 between 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM only. Alternately, candidates can mail to jharkhandcouncilonsct@gmail.com.

-Sd/-

Executive Director

JCSTI

ANNEXURE 1: FORMAT FOR BONAFIDE-CUM-NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE

(To be issued on the official letterhead of the University/ Institute)

BONAFIDE-CUM-NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that Mr./Ms./Mrs./Dr. _____ (Full Name of Applicant), is a Ph.D. scholar of _____ (Name of University/ Name of Institute) and is currently enrolled in the _____ (First Year/ Second Year/ Third Year) of the Ph.D. program in the _____ (Department/ Faculty).

This certificate is issued on _____ (Date: dd/mm/yyyy Format) to confirm that the department has no objection towards the engagement of Mr./Ms./Mrs./Dr. _____ (Full Name of Applicant) as Mentor-of-Mentors under the Jharkhand Grassroots Innovation Internship Scheme of Jharkhand Council on Science Technology and Innovation (JCSTI) for a period of 04 months within the months of May 2026 to September 2026, as per the dates notified by JCSTI, on purely voluntary and part-time basis. This permission is granted assuring the following conditions:

- i. The applicant is complying with all confidentiality, and conflict-of-interest policies, rules and regulations of the university/college.
- ii. The above engagement will not interfere with the applicant's academic responsibilities, research work, coursework requirements, or other institutional commitments at the university/institute.
- iii. This certificate is issued at the request of the applicant for the specific purpose mentioned above and should not be used for any other purpose.

(Signature of Applicant)
Name of Applicant

(Signature and Seal of Faculty Guide)
Name of Faculty Guide

(Signature and Seal of Head of the Department)
Name of Head of the Department



EXCITING OPPORTUNITY!!

To Join Us As **MENTOR-OF-MENTORS**

Under The Jharkhand Grassroot Innovation Internship Scheme

04 Months of Engagement

85+ Vacancies

10,000* per month honorarium

02+ Valuable Certificates

ABOUT THE SCHEME

*Honorarium might increase to 20,000/- per month subjected to approval from competent authority

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INTERNSHIP JOURNEY

- Each college selects groups of 4 students and 1 Faculty Mentor (Internship Teams)
- Selected teams register on the scheme portal.
- Registered team select their preferred panchayats
- Each group of 50 teams is allotted a Mentor-of-Mentor. Mentor-of-Mentors are trained by Knowledge Partners
- Internship teams are trained by allotted mentor of mentors.
- Internship teams visit the panchayats and document innovations and traditional knowledge.
- Internship teams submit their internship reports on the portal

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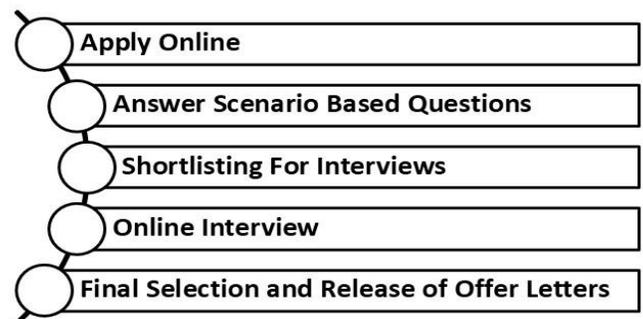
BENEFITS

- 04 Months Part Time Voluntary Engagement.
- Work from Home within Flexible Hours.
- Honorarium of 10,000/-* per month.
- Training and mentorship Certificate from JCSTI.
- Opportunity to learn from the experts of NIF and GIAN.
- Recognition Certificates for Top Performers

Apply Now

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SELECTION PROCESS



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