

# CSIR to double number of fellowships for science students

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**I**N A good news for students in science stream, government on Monday decided to double the number of scholarships to 12,000 for doctoral studies in science. The union cabinet, at a meeting chaired by prime minister Manmohan Singh, approved a proposal for increase in the number of junior research fellowship (JRF) through CSIR-

UGC national eligibility test (NET) in the country.

"The main objective of the JRF-NET is to identify talented students who could be enrolled for Ph.D programmes in specific science domains, across the country's scientific and academic institutions," a government spokesman said.

The CSIR had decided to offer 6,000 junior research fellowships during the tenth plan period and the same has been increased two-fold for the Eleventh Plan.