

# BIMSTEC-INDIA MARINE RESEARCH NETWORK (BIMReN)

## SPLIT-SITE DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

A Joint Initiative by



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### CALL FOR PROPOSALS



Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical & Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is a regional multilateral organisation.

### The BIMSTEC-INDIA MARINE RESEARCH NETWORK (BIMReN)

A joint initiative by the **Ministry of External Affairs of India (MEA)** and the **Bay of Bengal Programme Inter Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO)**, is a platform for facilitating collaboration among the researchers in the Bay of Bengal Region, for sustainable development of blue economy by networking the researchers in the BIMSTEC Member Countries.

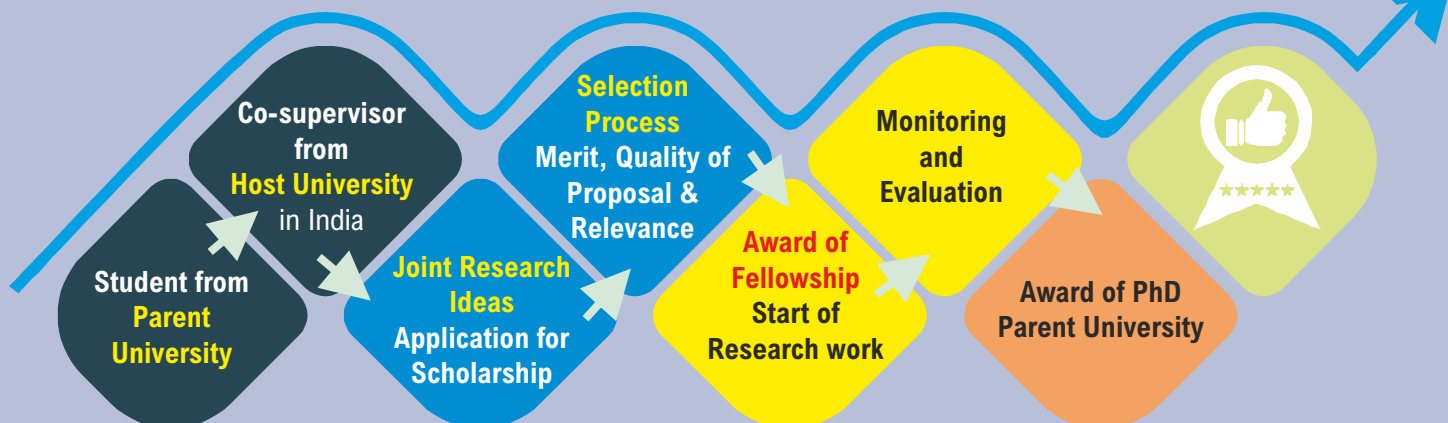
### About the fellowship

- The BIMReN Split-site Fellowship aims at exposing the doctoral researchers from the BIMSTEC Member Countries to the premier research laboratories and Universities in the field of fisheries/ marine/ ocean sciences.
- Under this, a doctoral candidate registered at a UNESCO-recognized university in the BIMSTEC Countries can avail the fellowship to attach Indian research Labs for 6-12 months and undertake part of his/her doctoral research.

### Who can apply?

- A permanent resident of the BIMSTEC Member Countries other than India, pursuing PhD from a UNESCO-recognised university.
- A national of BIMSTEC Member Country, undertaking PhD in any recognised University in a country outside the region, can also apply.
- Should possess Master's degree in a relevant discipline.
- Should have completed all necessary coursework, at the time of sending the application.

### Schema for Operationalization of BIMReN Split-site Fellowship



## Key features of the fellowship

**Grant Value: INR 1 million / student**

Research Contingency including travel - 40%; Living Allowance - 60% to support 12 person-months @ INR 50,000 /mon.]

**Tenure: 6 to 12 months** (extendable for 3 months without any additional cost)

The tenure can be divided into two periods if permitted by the Parent University and the Host Institute in India.

**Flexibility:** The fellowship does not cover tuition fees, bench fees, health care, etc; however, the candidate may use the fellowship amount for said purposes at one's own discretion.

**Problem statement:** Should state how the research concerns the Bay of Bengal region or the BIMSTEC Member Countries.

### Potential Research Themes

Achieving SDG 14

Promoting Blue Economy

Climate Change

Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries

Ocean Policy

Transboundary Resources

## NETWORKING SUPPORT SERVICES

The BIMReN cell at BOBP-IGO will facilitate networking among potential researchers from different organizations in the region.

If interested, please write to [bimren@bobbpigo.org](mailto:bimren@bobbpigo.org) / [info@bobbpigo.org](mailto:info@bobbpigo.org)

Collaborate cross country

Enhance regional research capacity

Build evidence based fisheries management

Recognize traditional knowledge and cultural connect

Create community of Practitioners

**Last Date for submit of Proposals**  
**31 May 2025**

**Proposals will be reviewed during the third week of every month.**

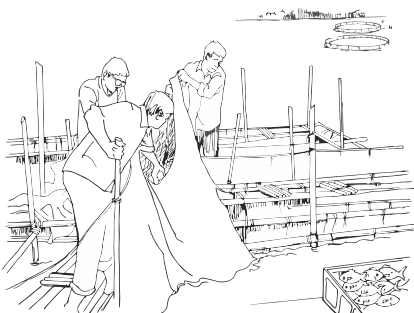
Decision on the proposals will be notified to applicants within 30 days of their submission.

**Be an Early Bird to Grab the Fellowship**



### HOW TO APPLY?

Visit [www.bobbpigo.org](http://www.bobbpigo.org) to download **Operational Guidelines** of the Grant



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