

Annexure – K: Questionnaire
(To be filled by applicants for Assistant Professor - AGP 6000 only)

Please answer all the questions. Tick (✓) the correct options and fill in the blanks as required.

Q1. Please select the Institutional Level that applies to the University/Institute/college that awarded your PhD degree.

Option 1: PhD from an institute currently ranked **1–50** in NIRF 2025 (Categories: Overall or Engineering or University or Research) **OR** listed in the **QS World Top 500 (Overall) in 2025**.

Option 2: PhD from an **Institute of National Importance (INI) / CFTI** (which are not in the NIRF 2025 Top 50) **OR** an institute ranked **51–100** in NIRF 2025 (Categories: Overall or Engineering or University or Research).

Option 3: All other Universities/Institutes recognized by **UGC/AICTE**, established by an **Act of Parliament** (India), or the relevant national regulatory body (for international degrees).

Note: Candidates must attach a self-attested copy of the NIRF 2025 or QS 2025 ranking page highlighting your institution and assign page numbers as KQ1-1, KQ1-2, KQ1-3...

Q2) Number of (SCI/SCIE) papers where you are the First Author, Corresponding Author, or Main Supervisor: _____

[Note: Each paper must be counted only once across all sections.]

Q3) Number of (SCI/SCIE) papers where you are a Co-Author (excluding roles listed in Question 2):

[Note: Do not include any papers already counted in Question 2.]

Note:

- 1. If candidate are claiming credit as the Main Supervisor for a paper where you are NOT the first or corresponding author, you must attach a copy of the University Notification/Certificate proving that you were the official supervisor for the student who is the first author**

- 2. Fill the table**

Sl. No.	Title of the Paper	Role (First Author / Corresponding Author / Main Supervisor / Co-Author)	Journal Name & ISSN	SCI/SCIE Proof (Page No.)	First Page of Paper (Page No.)

- 3. Candidate should attach self-attested copy of first page of each paper (showing authors and affiliation) and assign page numbers as KQ2-1, KQ2-2, KQ3-1, ...**

Q4) Number of **Granted** Utility Patents in India or USA officially **Licensed/Transferred** to industry where you are the **First Inventor or Corresponding Inventor**. [____] [Exclude any patent already counted in Q5; Proof of Technology Transfer/Licensing Agreement required]

Q5) Number of **Granted** Utility Patents in India or USA officially **Licensed/Transferred** to industry where you are a **Co-Inventor**: [____] [Exclude any patent already counted in Q4; Proof of Technology Transfer/Licensing Agreement required]

Note: For Q4 & Q5 (Licensed Patents): A patent grant certificate alone is **NOT** enough. You must attach self-attested copy of the **Technology Transfer Agreement** or the Licensing Receipt from the industry/funding agency. and assign page numbers as **KQ4-1, KQ4-2,... KQ5-1, ...**

Q6) Please select the **single most significant** Academic Merit or Award for which you have official proof.
(Note: The tiers are listed in descending order of significance. If your specific award is not listed in Tiers 1, 2, or 3, you must select Tier 4.)

- **Tier 1: Elite National Merit Fellowship**
 - PMRF (Prime Minister's Research Fellowship).
- **Tier 2: Competitive National/International PhD Fellowships or University Gold Medal**
 - **National:** GATE (Score > 95 Percentile), NET-JRF (UGC/CSIR), INSPIRE PhD Fellowship, JEST (Top 100), or NBHM.
 - **International:** Nationally-funded PhD Fellowships (e.g., DAAD, Eiffel, Commonwealth, JSPS, Fulbright).
 - **Merit:** University Gold Medal (Rank 1 / Branch Topper) in UG or PG studies.
- **Tier 3: National/State Level Eligibility or Research/Travel Grants**
 - **Eligibility:** GATE Qualified (Score ≤ 95 Percentile), NET-Lectureship (NET-LS), or SLET/SET.

Note: **Instructions for Q6 Proof Submission:**

- **For Tier 1 (PMRF):** Attach the **Official Award Letter** issued by the PMRF National Coordination Committee.
- **For Tier 2 (National - GATE/NET-JRF/INSPIRE):**
 - You **must** attach the **original scorecard** showing the **Percentile or All India Rank (AIR)**.
 - If the scorecard does not show a percentile, you must provide the calculation formula or a certificate from the testing agency.
- **For Tier 2 (International):** Attach the **Award Letter** from the foreign government or the funding agency (e.g., German Academic Exchange Service for DAAD).
- **For Tier 2 (University Gold Medal):**
 - Attach the **Degree Certificate or a Special Certificate** issued by the Registrar/Controller of Examinations.
 - The certificate must explicitly state "**Rank 1**" or "**Gold Medalist**" or "**Branch Topper**." A "First Class with Distinction" certificate is NOT proof of a Gold Medal.

- **For Tier 3 (Eligibility):** Attach the **NET-LS or SLET/SET certificate** or the **GATE scorecard** showing qualification."

Note: For Q6: Candidate must attach self-attested copy of proof of relevant document **and** assign page numbers as **KQ6-1, KQ6-2,...**

Q7) Have you held a Post-Doctoral research international tenure (including Personal Fellowships or Project-based roles) for a minimum continuous duration of more than 12 months in offline mode (physical presence)?_____

*(Note: For international tenures, the host institution must be ranked in the **QS Top 500(Overall)**.)*

"Instructions for Q7 Proof Submission:

A. Appointment & Experience (Role & Duration):

1. Attach the **Official Appointment Letter** or Fellowship Award letter.
2. Attach the **Relieving Certificate** or **Experience Certificate** issued by the host university clearly mentioning the start and end dates.
 - *Note:* The duration must be a minimum of 12 **continuous** months.

B. QS World Ranking (Institution Quality):

1. Attach a screenshot or PDF of the **QS World University Rankings (Overall)** for the year you held the tenure, highlighting the host institution.
 - *Note:* The institution must be within the **Top 500** globally.

C. Physical Presence (Offline Mode):

Any proof to verify that the tenure was served in **Offline Mode (Physical Presence)**,

Note: For Q7: Candidate must attach self-attested copy of proof of relevant document **and** assign page numbers as **KQ7-1, KQ7-2,...**

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