

F. No. 13-52/2018-ICC
Government of India
Department of Higher Education
International Cooperation Cell

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 17th September, 2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Scheme for Promotion of Academic & Research Collaboration (SPARC) – updated instructions.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the provisions for the rate set for travel and per month out of pocket allowance for visits by an Indian student to the Foreign Institution for training and experimentation under SPARC.

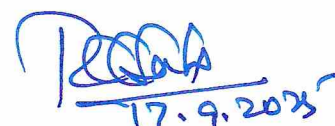
2. In this context, it is to convey that the aforesaid provisions have been re-examined in this Ministry in the light of recommendation of the APEX Committee of SPARC to enhance the rates. It has been decided to make following changes in the **SPARC guidelines dated 21st December, 2023**, with immediate effect:

Funding Component	Maximum Amount (Currently Applicable)	Maximum Amount (Revised)
Travel Allowance	Up to US \$2,000 to cover economy-class airfare to and from the host country.	Up to US \$2,500 to cover economy-class airfare to and from the host country.
Monthly Out-of-Pocket Allowance	Up to US \$1,000 per month for living expenses during the stay abroad.	Up to USD1800 per month for living expenses including any Medical Insurance required during the stay abroad.

3. The revised rates will apply prospectively to all ongoing and future projects, including students presently abroad on the date of approval.

4. IIT Kharagpur is requested to kindly **upload this O.M. in continuation to O.M. of even no. dated 23rd June, 2025 regarding SPARC- updated instructions** (copy enclosed) on the SPARC Web portal (Additional Points Link).

5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


17.9.2025

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To

Prof. Suman Chakraborty
Director, IIT Kharagpur

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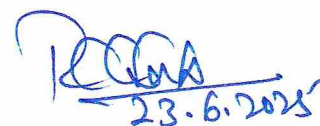
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Dated the 23rd June, 2025

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Subject: Scheme for Promotion of Academic & Research Collaboration (SPARC) – updated instructions.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the email dated 16th June, 2025 (**copy enclosed**) from SPARC Joint National Coordinator proposing review / decision on several aspects of the SPARC Scheme.

2. In this context, it is to convey that the proposal has been examined in MoE, and it has been decided to make following changes in the SPARC scheme, with immediate effect:
- (a) Approved projects to have allocation for exclusive funding for demonstrable technologies or action research outcomes and products including consumables, as a part of total project cost which may be dependent on the proposal.
 - (b) Call for Proposal / Advertisement to be kept open round the year on the SPARC Portal (<https://sparc.iitkgp.ac.in>).
 - (c) Extension of ongoing Phase -II Projects (FY 2023-25) till 31st December 2025.
3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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