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# Nine PhD scholars from IISER selected for PMRF

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Pune: Nine students from the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune, are among those selected for the Prime Minister's Research Fellowship (PMRF) this year.

Of those selected from the institute, Ankit Kumar and Tamaghna Chowdhury are from the physics department, Ajinkya Gaikwad is from the mathematics department, Achyuth Venugopal is from the earth and climate science department, and Bhawakshi Punia, Anushka Kaushik, Cavya Jose, Swagata Dutta and Sandip Chattopadhyay are from the chemistry department.

Under the PMRF scheme, the selected PhD students, will be given a grant of Rs70,000 for the first two years, Rs75,000 for the third year and Rs80,000 for the last two years. Besides, the students are also eligible for a research grant of Rs2 lakh per year for five years.

Venugopal said, "I'm working in the domain of geo-chemistry. The PMRF project involves the use of the chemical composition of ancient marine sediments to understand how the past ocean conditions evolved during a specific time of the earth's history known as the Archean."