

Scientific Social Responsibility

SERB has adopted Scientific Social Responsibility (SSR) Policy to imbibe a culture of social commitment among SERB Grantees. The policy intends to effectively utilize scientific infrastructure and expertise of SERB grantees to benefit other S&T stakeholders especially the less-endowed researchers and the society. SSR initiatives include infrastructure sharing, mentoring young faculty/researchers, fostering research culture among students and the academic community and public outreach and knowledge dissemination. SERB SSR policy ensures that the SSR activities are minimal and are aligned and integrated with the Grantee's scientific research activities. It is expected that the combined efforts of all the SERB Grantees would lead to development of rich research culture of integrated scientific and social commitments in the country.

SSR activities for NPDF are given in the following table:

Activities (for NPDF)	Category	Target beneficiary	Requirement	Financial Support	Conditions
Individual lecture	C	School/ college students	Once in fellowship period	NIL	Mandatory
Public lectures on science	D	General Public	Once in fellowship period	NIL	At least one activity from Category D is mandatory
Popular Articles	D	General Scientific Audience	Once in fellowship period		
Reports in newspaper, web articles, etc.	D	General Public	Once in fellowship period		

Guidelines

1. NPDF awardees should choose the SSR activities and it is mandatory to carry out the chosen activities during the project period.
2. Activity C (Individual lecture) and one activity from Category D are mandatory.
3. Fellows are encouraged to do more than the mandated activity without affecting the research work.
4. Activity C should be completed preferably within the first year of the fellowship. Activity D should be done before completion of the fellowship period.
5. The activities carried out need to be reported annually. SSR Report should be submitted through SERB online portal.
6. The outcome of SSR will become part of any new proposal submitted to SERB.