

# Smart Protein Advanced Research & Knowledge Fellowship

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Smart proteins, globally known as alternative proteins, are food ingredients and products produced from plants or animal cells, or by way of fermentation. These innovative foods are designed to serve as nutritious, sustainable, and affordable alternatives to conventional animal products. The Good Food Institute (GFI) India's Smart Protein Advanced Research & Knowledge (SPARK) Fellowship program is aimed at encouraging postgraduate students from diverse disciplines to work on applied research topics\* contributing to innovative discoveries in the alternative protein sector.

Through the SPARK Fellowship program, students pursuing their master's degree from pioneering Indian universities will have the opportunity to conduct fully funded, lab-based research under the mentorship of field experts.

*\*Research topics will be decided between GFI India and the host institution.*

## FELLOWSHIP DURATION:

1 year (maximum)

## RESEARCH AREAS

- Plant-based alternative proteins
- Fermentation-derived alternative proteins
- Cultivated meat & seafood

## ELIGIBILITY

Students currently pursuing a postgraduate degree (final year of M.Sc, M.Tech, dual degree programs or similar) in **one of these key scientific disciplines** are eligible for selection under the SPARK Fellowship Program. GFI India will approve candidate selection based on recommendations from designated authorities or academic mentors at the host institutions.

## GRANT & STIPEND

The SPARK Fellows will receive a monthly stipend of INR 15,000. The host institute will be provided with a one-time consolidated research grant to cover the cost of consumables required for experimentation and institutional overheads.