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**Office Memorandum**

**Subject: Launch of DUO-India Fellowship Programme**

With a view to improve the research collaboration between India and other countries, Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC) was launched in 2018. To further improve the collaboration under SPARC, the Ministry has decided to launch the DUO-India Fellowship Programme.

DUO-India Fellowship Programme is being introduced, in 2019, with the aim of promoting exchange of faculty and students between India and European countries on a balanced and permanent basis. For this program, only such institutes which are part of Joint Research Projects under SPARC are eligible to participate.

DUO-India aims to fund, every year, 100 student-pairs for exchanges for one semester, starting from 2020 onwards to improve mobility between Indian and European institutes. Similarly, 50 pairs of faculty exchange is also a part of the programme. In this respect, DUO-India requires that a PAIR (two persons) of students be exchanged, and they should be from any of the collaborating institution (both home and host) under SPARC projects..

As of now, 14 European countries namely Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and UK which are a part of SPARC programme are eligible for this fellowship programme. More details of the programme are available on <http://www.aseduo.org>

Details of DUO-India Fellowship Programme (for Student/Professor exchange) are enclosed. The selection of DUO-India Fellows would be made **ONLY** once a year. Applications will be accepted from July 15 to August 31, 2019.

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