The Solar Energy Research Institute for India and the United States (SERIIUS) is co-led by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc)–Bangalore, India, and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Golden, Colorado, USA. Through an environment of cooperation and innovation “without borders,” SERIIUS will develop and ready emerging and revolutionary solar electricity technologies—toward the long-term success of India’s Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Energy Mission and the U.S. Department of Energy’s SunShot Initiative. SERIIUS will accelerate the development of solar electric technologies by lowering the cost per watt of photovoltaics and concentrated solar power.

The Visiting Scholars Program is co-organized by funds from SERIIUS and MAGEEP (McDonnell Academy Global Energy and Environmental Partnership). Funds are available for eight short-visit research exchanges per year through an exchange program coordinated by MAGEEP at Washington University in St. Louis.

Eligible applicants include graduate students, post docs, and early career researchers (within 5 years of obtaining Ph.D.) who are currently working or studying at a SERIIUS Partner institution on SERIIUS research. Only SERIIUS research will be supported. Ideally, four research exchanges will be selected from the U.S. institutions and four from Indian institutions.

Each SERIIUS MAGEEP scholar will receive $5500 to cover travel and living expenses. The Internal Revenue Service under the jurisdiction of the U.S. government may withhold taxes. Students must stay a minimum of 10 weeks at the visiting laboratory, and ideally, these exchanges will be planned for summer 2016.

Interested individuals should obtain permission of their current mentor (Principal Investigator of a SERIIUS project) and make arrangements with the host institution mentor (also a PI of a SERIIUS project). All arrangements regarding the work and other logistic details should be determined in advance of the application. Any additional funding from host institutions should be worked out directly. No additional monies beyond the $5500 funds will be provided by the program organizers. An ad hoc committee of SERIIUS PIs will make the selections. The deliverable to SERIIUS will be a 5–10 page report highlighting the accomplishments of the scholarship; the report layout will be provided.

Please fill the application form and submit to mageep@wustl.edu.
Deadline: February 17, 2016