

Department of Biotechnology
Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellowship
Revised Guidelines

SCHEME:

The Department of Biotechnology has instituted a scheme known as “Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellowship” for Indian Nationals who are working overseas in various fields of biotechnology and life sciences and are interested in taking up scientific research positions in India. Ramalingaswami Re-entry fellows would be able to work in any of the scientific institutions/universities in the country and would also be eligible for regular research grant through extramural and other research schemes of various S&T agencies of the Government of India.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

- i) Scientists working in any area of life sciences & biotechnology, bio-engineering, health care (human and animal), agriculture and veterinary biotechnology, bio-energy and allied areas will be eligible to apply.
- ii) The applicant should possess a Ph.D degree or equivalent in life sciences/ agriculture, bioinformatics or M.Tech in engineering or technology/ medicine etc. with at least three years of post-doctoral research experience and last 2 years post doc experience in overseas research laboratories
- iii) Applicants should have a proven/ outstanding track record as evident from research publications and recognitions.
- iv) In case a fellow is offered permanent position, he/she can only avail *either* fellowship *or* salary at a given time
- v) **The upper age limit for applying is 45 years.**

DURATION AND NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIP

- (i) The duration of the fellowship will be for a period of five years. In exceptional cases, the duration of the award may be extended by additional 5 years after a fresh appraisal of performance. Fellows who are able to secure permanent position during the tenure of the fellowship will not be considered for a 2nd term.
- (ii) Upto 50 fellowships will be awarded every year.

NATURE OF SUPPORT:

- (i) The amount of the fellowship will be of Rs.85,000/- (consolidated)
- (ii) HRA @ Rs. 7,500 p.m. consolidated
- (iii) Each awardee will, in addition, receive a research /contingency grant of Rs. 1000,000 lakhs for the 1st year, Rs, 750,000 per annum for 2nd year and Rs.500,000 per annum for the subsequent 3 years for purchase of consumables, minor equipment, international and domestic travel, engaging project staff and other contingent expenditure to be incurred in connection with the implementation of the project.
- (iv) Awardees will be eligible for regular research grant/s through extramural and other research schemes of various S&T agencies of the Government of India, provided that a Co-PI is a regular faculty member.

WHERE WILL AWARDEES WORK

- (i) Awardees can choose to work at any S&T institution including University departments or other academic institutions and national R&D laboratories in India, provided the institution where they wish to pursue research is willing to

provide the necessary R&D, administrative and basic infrastructural support to facilitate research.

- (ii) The applications have to be duly forwarded by the host Institutions against an advertisement.
- (iii) Selection will be made by Selection Committee specially appointed for the purpose.

MODE OF SELECTION

- (i) DBT will periodically advertise the Fellowship on its Website (www.dbtindia.nic.in), its official Newsletter (Biotech News) (www.biotechnews.co.in) National Newspapers and Scientific Journals.