

**Department of Biotechnology
Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellowship**

REVISED GUIDELINES - RAMALINGASWAMI RE-ENTRY FELLOWSHIP

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/MD 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 in overseas research laboratories. *Those who have already returned to India within one year of the closing date of this advertisement are also eligible.*
- 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 2 years after a fresh appraisal of performance. However, during extension only fellowship and HRA will be provided and no research/contingency grant will be provided.
- (ii) Upto 75 fellowships will be awarded every year.

NATURE OF SUPPORT:

- (i) The amount of the fellowship will be of Rs.1,00, 000/- (consolidated) per month.
- (ii) HRA @ Rs. 18,500 p.m. consolidated.
- (iii) Each awardee will, in addition, receive a research /contingency grant of Rs. 10,00,000 lakhs for the 1st& 2nd year, Rs, 7,50,000 per annum for 3rd & 4th year and Rs.5,00,000 per annum for 5th year 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) Rs 50,000/annum institutional overhead.

- (v) 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.
- (vi) Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellows could take up fellowship at any of the scientific institutes/ universities/ relevant Industries in the country. However, application should be duly forwarded by the competent authority of the host Institute. Fellows can change their host institute only once during the tenure of the fellowship with the prior No Objection Certificate from the host institute who has forwarded the application [Director/Registrar/Vice-Chancellor/Dean/ CEO/ HR Head (in case of industry) or as the case may be] and also with prior approval from DBT. Subsequent change will be allowed if the fellow gets a permanent job in another Institute or on the case to case basis, if needed.

WHERE WILL AWARDEES WORK

- (i) Awardees can choose to work at any S&T institution including university departments or other academic institutions and national laboratories/industries in India, provided the institution at which 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.

MODE OF SELECTION

- (i) Selection will be made by Selection Committee specially appointed for the purpose.
- (ii) DBT will periodically advertise the Fellowship on its Website (www.dbtindia.nic.in), National Newspapers and Scientific Journals, Indian Missions Abroad.