



**Government of India
Department of Biotechnology
Ministry of Science and Technology**

Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellowship

Applications are invited for '**Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellowship**', a re-entry scheme of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science and Technology, Govt of India.

Objective

1. The scheme is aimed at bringing back researchers (Indian nationals) working overseas in various fields of biotechnology, including agriculture, health sciences, bio-engineering, energy, environment, bioinformatics and other related areas, who are desirous of pursuing R&D in an Indian institution.

Eligibility

2. The applicant should possess a Ph.D., MD or equivalent degree with an outstanding track record as reflected in publications and other recognitions.
3. Only candidates (Indian nationals) working overseas are eligible to apply. Those who have already returned to India and are working in India are not eligible.
4. The upper age limit for applying is 55 years as on **31 August 2011**.

About the fellowship

5. Selected awardees will receive a fellowship amount of Rs 75,000 p.m. (consolidated) and House Rent Allowance of Rs 7500 p.m. Wherever host institute provides accommodation to the fellow, the HRA amount will be deducted by the institution. Besides, each fellow will also receive research/contingency grant of Rs 500,000/year for purchase of consumables, minor equipment, international and domestic travel, engaging manpower and other contingent expenditure to be incurred in connection with the implementation of research project.
6. Host institutes are encouraged to provide medical benefits, transport allowance, leave travel allowance and other benefits as per their prevailing norms as applicable to their employees of the rank equivalent to Scientist D out of their own resources/funds.
7. In case an awardee finds a suitable permanent position during the tenure of the fellowship at any research institute/university, he or she can take up the job. In that case, he/she will have to opt for either the fellowship or salary. However, she/he can continue to avail the research/contingency grant with prior approval of DBT.
8. Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellows could take up fellowship at any of the scientific institutes/university in the country. However, application should be duly forwarded by the competent authority of the host Institute.
9. Awardees are eligible to apply for research grants to any of the funding agencies. However, the Co-PI has to be a permanent employee of the host institution.

Duration

10. The duration of the fellowship will be for a period of five years. This is extendable by another 5 years on a fresh appraisal of performance.

How to apply

11. Applications may be sent as per proforma downloadable from DBT website (www.dbtindia.nic.in) and duly forwarded by the competent authority to **Dr Meenakshi Munshi**, Joint Director, Department of Biotechnology, Block-2, 7th Floor, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110 003, e-mail: meenakshi29.dbt@nic.in latest by **31 August 2011**. Other details regarding the proforma may be seen at www.dbtindia.nic.in/www.dbtindia.gov.in