The Ministry of Environment and Forests invites applications, under its newly launched ‘National Environmental Sciences Fellows Programme’ for the year 2012–13 from Indian scientists or scientists of Indian origin desirous of participating in cutting-edge research on critical issues related to environment in collaboration with leading Institutes and Scientists in India and the world.

The matrix given below indicates the areas of research to be supported under this Fellowship Programme*.

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<th>Category*</th>
<th>Social sciences</th>
<th>Technological including pollution abatement and recycling</th>
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<th>Observational modelling and simulation</th>
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<td>Land, Forest, Biodiversity, Water, Marine and Coastal Areas</td>
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*Includes research in the area of policy and legislation cutting across all the categories.

However, as this Fellowship Programme is interested in people with unique ideas and capable of thinking out of the box, applicants are strongly encouraged to submit proposals on any new challenges/issues outside of this matrix but relating to the current environmental scenario of the country/world, along with innovative, cost-effective, practicable and implementable solutions to such challenges.

While it is not mandatory, it would be desirable if the applicant has already carried out at least 10–20% of the research work proposed to be undertaken under the Fellowship Programme.

All other details of the Fellowship Programme, including eligibility criteria, selection procedure, Fellowship emoluments and other terms and conditions, etc. are given in the booklet ‘National Environmental Sciences Fellows Programme’, which is available in the website of the Ministry at www.envfor.nic.in

The application has to be submitted in the prescribed proforma available in the booklet quoted above and has to be accompanied by a short paper (not exceeding 1–2 pages) on the applicant’s proposed research proposal clearly identifying the new knowledge that it will help to generate along with a summary of work already carried out by the applicant in the area. Short-listed candidates shall be invited for an interactive discussion with the Management Committee constituted by the Ministry under the ‘National Environmental Sciences Fellows Programme’.

The application complete in all respects should be sent by Registered/Speed Post in a confidential sealed envelope by 31 December 2012 to the address given below. Applications may also be sent by e-mail to sv.godavarthi@nic.in. The Ministry would convene the Management Committee meetings at appropriate intervals.

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