



Government of India
Department of Biotechnology
Ministry of Science and Technology

TATA Innovation Fellowship: 2013–14

Applications are invited for '**Tata Innovation Fellowship**', a highly competitive scheme instituted by the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Govt of India to recognize and reward scientists with outstanding track record in biological sciences and a deep commitment to find innovative solutions to major problems in health care, agriculture and other areas related to life sciences and biotechnology.

Objective

The scheme is aimed at rewarding interdisciplinary work where major emphasis is on innovation and translational research with a potential towards commercialization.

Eligibility

- (i) The fellowship is open to Indian Nationals residing in India who are below the age of 55 years as on 21 November 2013.
- (ii) The applicant should possess a Ph.D. degree in Life Sciences, Agriculture, Veterinary Science or a Master's degree in Medical Sciences, Engineering or an equivalent degree in Biotechnology/related areas. The applicant must have put in several years of work in the specific area.
- (iii) The candidate must have a regular position in a university/institute/organization and should be engaged in research and development. If he/she is availing any other fellowship, he/she will have to opt for only one of the fellowships.
- (iv) The applicant should have spent at least 5 years in India before applying for the fellowship.

Nature of support

- (i) The amount of the fellowship is Rs 25,000 per month in addition to regular salary from the host institute. If an awardee is receiving salary from international organization, he will be entitled for research grant, i.e. contingency only.
- (ii) In addition, each Fellow will receive a contingency grant of Rs 6.00 lakh per annum for meeting the expenses on consumables, equipment, international and domestic travel, manpower and other contingent expenditure to be incurred in connection with the implementation of ongoing research project under the fellowship.
- (iii) The Tata Innovation Fellows would be eligible for other regular research grant(s) through extramural and other research schemes of various S&T agencies of the Government of India.

Host institution

- (i) The candidate will continue to work at the place of his/her employment.
- (ii) The institution where the candidate is working would provide the necessary infrastructure and administrative support for pursuing the research under this fellowship.

Number

Number of fellowships is 5 per year.

Duration

The duration of the fellowship will be initially for three years, extendable further by two years on a fresh appraisal.

How to apply

Application (six copies) may be sent as per proforma downloadable from DBT website (www.dbtindia.nic.in) and duly forwarded by the competent authority to **Dr A. K. Rawat**, Joint Director, Department of Biotechnology, Block-2, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110 003, latest by **31 October 2013**. Other details regarding the proforma may be seen at www.dbtindia.nic.in.