



Department of Science & Technology
KIRAN Division

Women Scientist Scheme-B (WOS-B)
(S&T Intervention for Societal Benefit)

Department of Science & Technology (DST) restructured all its women specific programmes in 2014 and brought them under one umbrella known as 'KIRAN' (Knowledge Involvement in Research Advancement through Nurturing). KIRAN endeavours to provide various opportunities to women scientists in S&T domain through its various components, for example, in conducting basic research (WOS-A), technology development and demonstration for societal benefit (WOS-B), self/wage employment in Intellectual Property Rights domain (WOS-C), and so on.

DST seeks proposal under 'Women Scientists Scheme-B (WOS-B)' from women scientists and technologists who wish to utilize their scientific knowledge and temperament for the benefit of society. WOS-B focuses on projects related to Science & Technology (S&T) interventions for societal benefit. Such project proposal should address a well-identified societal challenge and deliver possible solutions by way of development of viable technology/technique and/or lab-to-land technology transfer, its adaptation and scaling up. Proposal that are pure Research & Development (R&D) in nature and/or do not have clear evidence of direct benefit to the society will not be entertained.

Eligibility: Women Scientists having permanent position are not eligible to apply in this scheme. Only those Women Scientists who had a break in their career, are in the 27–57 years age group and have interest in addressing a well-defined societal challenge through viable S&T interventions are encouraged to apply under WOS-B. All such applications will be subjected to a rigorous selection process and only the most promising may be extended budgetary support.

Project duration: The project is tenable for a maximum period of three (3) years.

Emoluments: The fellowship amount under the scheme is Rs 55,000 for Ph.D. or equivalent (total project cost not exceeding Rs 30 lakhs), Rs 40,000 for M.Phil./M.Tech. or equivalent (total project cost not exceeding Rs 25 lakhs), Rs 30,000 for M.Sc. or equivalent (total project cost not exceeding Rs 20 lakhs). The total project cost is inclusive of fellowship of Principal Investigator (PI), consumables, travel, contingencies and minor equipments but excluding overheads.

Selection process: The Project proposals received will be screened by Screening Committee and Principal Investigator (PI) of only such proposals that are 'screened in' may be called for presentation before an Expert Committee. The final decision will be communicated to the applicants only after obtaining administrative and financial approvals.

Where to submit: Five (5) copies of research proposal (format available at www.dst.gov.in) should be sent to **Dr H. B. Singh**, Scientist, Department of Science and Technology, Technology Bhawan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi 110 016 by Speed Post. A soft copy of the proposal should also be mailed at harib Singh@nic.in. The envelope should be superscribed with 'Women Scientist Scheme-B (WOS-B)'.

Last date of submission: **31 August 2016.**