

Ramalingaswami Re-Entry Fellowship

Ministry of Science & Technology, Department of Biotechnology, Government of India
2017–2018

Applications are solicited from Indian nationals working in overseas research institutions for the 'Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellowship', a Re-entry scheme of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India.

Aim of the Fellowship

The scheme is conceptualized with the aim of attracting highly skilled researchers (Indian nationals) working overseas in various cutting edge disciplines of biotechnology (agriculture, health sciences, bio-engineering, energy, environment, bioinformatics and other related areas), by providing them an attractive avenue to pursue their R&D interests in Indian institutions.

Who is eligible to apply?

The applicant should possess a Ph.D./M.D., or equivalent degree with an outstanding track record as reflected in publications and other recognitions and with at least three years of post-doctoral research experience of which last two years should be from overseas laboratory.

Only candidates (Indian nationals) working overseas are eligible to apply. Those who have already returned to India within one year of the closing date of this advertisement but without a job are also eligible.

Researchers up to 45 years of age as determined on closing date of application are eligible to apply.

Incentives of being a Ramalingaswami Fellow

This is a senior fellowship programme, and awardees are to be considered equivalent to Assistant Professor/Scientist-D level officer. Fellows selected are entitled to take up teaching/research assignments and supervising Doctoral/MS students.

The scheme provides a consolidated monthly remuneration of Rs 100,000 p.m. In addition, a House Rent Allowance of Rs 18,500 p.m. is given to fellows. In case host institute provides accommodation to the fellow, no house rent allowance is admissible. The fellowship is taxable as per Govt of India rules.

Fellows will receive a research/contingency grant of Rs 10.00 lakhs for the 1st and 2nd year; Rs 7.50 lakhs for 3rd and 4th year; Rs 5.00 lakhs for 5th year for purchase of consumables, minor equipment, international and domestic travel, engaging manpower and other contingent expenditure to be incurred for the implementation of research proposal which is a part of fellowship and Institutional overhead of Rs 50,000 per year.

DBT encourages host institutions 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 Assistant Professor/Scientist D out of their own resources/funds.

Fellows retain an option for drawing either the fellowship or salary if they are appointed at a suitable permanent scientific position. Fellows opting for salary can continue to avail the research/contingency grant with prior approval of DBT.

Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellows could take up fellowship at any of the scientific institutes/universities in the country. However, application should be duly forwarded by the competent authority of the host Institute. Fellows/Awardee can change his/her 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 as the case may be). Only one nomination will be considered.

Awardees are eligible to apply for research grant/s to any of the funding agencies provided Co-PI is a permanent employee of the host institution.

Tenure of Fellowship

Fellows can draw fellowship for a term of five years. Fellowship is further extendable for another two years on a fresh appraisal of performance of the fellow; only fellowship and HRA will be admissible during extension period. No research/contingency grant will be provided during the extension period. Those who are able to secure permanent positions will not be considered for 2nd term.

How to apply

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**, Adviser/Scientist 'G' Department of Biotechnology, Block-2, 7th Floor, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110 003, both as a hard copy as well as soft copy. The applications not forwarded by the host institution will not be considered. Soft copy to be mailed at e-mail: rlsfellowship.dbt@nic.in only as a single pdf file latest by **15 May 2018**.