

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Ministry of Science & Technology
Department of Biotechnology (DBT)

Award of Biotechnology Overseas Associateship: 1997-98

Applications are invited from Indian nationals for the award of Biotechnology Overseas Associateships (1997-98) for conducting advanced research or undergoing specialized research training in overseas research institutes/laboratories in the priority areas of Biotechnology, viz. (i) Basic molecular biology; (ii) Microbial genetics; (iii) Recombinant DNA technology; (iv) Molecular immunology, immunogenetics and immunodiagnosics; (v) Molecular virology; (vi) Animal tissue culture, human hybridomas and cell-culture-based vaccines; (vii) Plant tissue culture; (viii) Genetic disorders and gene therapy; (ix) Animal biotechnology; (x) Aquaculture and marine biotechnology; (xi) Peptide and nucleic acid chemistry and applications; (xii) Protein and enzyme engineering; (xiii) Modern techniques in industrial microbiology and bioconversion; (xiv) Biochemical engineering, bioseparation, process optimization and computer modelling; (xv) Bioinformatics, and (xiv) Emerging areas.

The applicant should possess a Ph D/MD degree in the area related to biotechnology, with a good record of research contributions in biotechnology. The candidates should hold a regular/permanent position in research institution/university and should be actively engaged in biotechnological R&D work. Applications from persons working on temporary positions such as research fellows or associates, etc. will not be considered.

Details of the Award

1) Two categories of Associateships, namely Long-term and Short-term Associateships are awarded. 2) The Long-term Associateship is awarded for a period of one year only and it is not extendable. The Short-term Associateship is normally awarded for three months only. However, the Short-term Associateship may be awarded for a maximum period up to six months in cases where a longer duration is necessary and justified. Such proposals will be considered by the Department purely on the merit of the case and the decision of the Department will be final. 3) The Long-term Associates are entitled to (a) Monthly Associateship @ US\$ 1500 or its equivalent in the country of study; (b) Personal Equipment Grant of Rs 4000 (one time grant); (c) Cost of air passage in economy class by Air India for joining overseas laboratory and back. 4) The Short-term Associates are entitled to (a) Monthly Associateship @ US\$ 1800 or its equivalent in the country of study; (b) Cost of air passage for joining overseas laboratory and back. 5) The selected candidates may receive the payment of salary and continuance of other service benefits by the institutions to which they belong. However, no liability on any of this account will be borne by DBT. 6) Selected candidates shall be required to execute a Service Bond to serve in India after return to India for a period of 1 to 3 years depending upon the duration/category of the Associateship awarded. Candidates should submit their applications typed on plain paper (one copy) complete with enclosures in the format given below *Through Proper Channel* to the Sr Scientific Officer-I (Attention: Mrs. Suchita Ninawe), Department of Biotechnology, Block-II, 6th Floor, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi 110 003 on or before 15 January 1998.

Age limit

- (a) Long-term Associateship: not exceeding 40 years.
- (b) Short-term Associateship: not exceeding 50 years.

Candidates should not have crossed the above prescribed age limit as on 15 January 1998 – the last date for receipt of applications. The above prescribed age limits will not be relaxed.

