DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

STA Fellowships 1999
(Postdoctoral Fellowships in Japanese National Laboratories)

Department of Science and Technology (DST), a Responsible Organisation (RO) of India for STA Fellowship Programme 1999 of Science and Technology Agency (STA) of Government of Japan, invites applications from promising and qualified researchers for Postdoctoral Fellowships to conduct research at Japan’s national laboratories and public research corporations (excluding universities and university-affiliated institutes). There are 8 long-term fellowships (6 months to 2 years) and 8 short-term fellowships (1–3 months) to be nominated by DST.

1. Fields of Research
All fields of Science and Technology, except social sciences and humanities.

2. Fellowship tenure, date of commencement, topic and other terms
(a) The duration of long-term fellowship is 6 months to 2 years and short-term fellowship is 1–3 months;
(b) The date of commencement of fellowship should be between 1 December 1999 and 31 March 2000;
(c) The exact duration, dates and topic/field of research should be decided upon through negotiation between the candidate and the host institute; and
(d) The results of research activities produced during the tenure will be subject to the regulations of the host institute.

3. Eligibility requirements
For long-term fellowship, each applicant should:
(a) be an Indian citizen possessing a doctor’s degree in a scientific, technological, engineering or medical field, or have an *equivalent qualification. (*If professional experience indicates a level of competence equivalent to that required of a doctor, the applicant may be considered for a Fellowship);
(b) be no greater than 35 years of age, in principle and should have been awarded the Ph.D. degree within last six years;
(c) be in sufficiently good health to pursue research activities in Japan;
(d) have sufficient language ability to pursue research activities in Japan. Japanese language ability is preferable, but English is sufficient in most cases. With the agreement of the host research institute, other languages may suffice.

For short-term fellowship, each applicant should meet only (a), (c) and (d) mentioned above. (b) is not applicable.
4. Host Institutes in Japan
Fellows can conduct their research in Japanese National Laboratories belonging to various Government Ministries and Agencies, Non-Profit Organisations and Prefectural Research Institutes. List of such host institutes along with full address and contact numbers is provided with the application materials.

5. Fellowship awards
(i) Long-term Fellowship: Fellowships include round-trip air tickets (economy class; not available for dependents) and the following allowances:

(a) Living allowance: Yen 270,000 a month.
(b) Family allowance: Yen 50,000 a month if Fellows are accompanied by one or more dependents during their tenure.
(c) Housing: Apartments will normally be provided to awardees. The apartment floor area is 40 sqm for awardees unaccompanied by their family and 60 sqm for awardees to stay with their family in other than metropolitan areas such as Tokyo. If an awardee prefers to use a larger apartment because of the family size or otherwise Yen 106,000 maximum per month may be paid as housing allowance; any shortfall is to be borne by the awardee.
(d) An initial international settling-in allowance Yen 200,000.
(e) An annual allowance of up to Yen 115,000 for travel within Japan related to research activities.
(f) Medical insurance (N.B. not available for dependents).
(g) After completion of 1 year of research in Japan, the fellow can avail Yen 200,000 to present his research results at the host institute at an international conference.

(ii) Short-term Fellowship: Per diem – Yen 15,000 as per diem for the entire duration of the fellowship, to cover living expenses, initial international settling costs, research-related travelling expenses within Japan and housing costs. Short term fellows will have to stay in hotels.

6. Application Procedure
There are two ways of applying for STA Fellowship programme: (i) Application through Responsible Organisation (RO) and (ii) Application through Host Institute.

Application materials can be obtained by sending a request to the following address along with a self-addressed unstamped envelope (slightly bigger than A4 size). It should be clearly indicated on envelope “STA Fellowships 1999”.

Deadline for submission of completed applications through DST: 31 August 1999

Applications received after the last date will not be accepted under any circumstances. Carvassing in any form will be a disqualification.

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