OPPORTUNITY FOR SCIENTISTS OF INDIAN ORIGIN

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

RAMALINGASWAMI FELLOWSHIP

Applications are invited for Ramalingaswami Fellowship, a re-entry scheme of the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt of India.

Objective
The scheme is aimed at bringing back scientists of Indian origin working outside the country in various fields of biotechnology, including agriculture, health sciences, bio-engineering, energy, environment, bioinformatics and all other related areas, and who are desirous of pursuing R&D in an Indian institution.

Eligibility
The applicant should possess a higher degree, such as Ph.D., MD or equivalent with an outstanding track record reflected in publications and other recognitions.

Only candidates of Indian origin working overseas are eligible to apply. Those who have already returned to India and are working in India are not eligible.

About the fellowship
Each awardee will receive the following: (a) consolidated fellowship amount of Rs 50,000 p.m. for the first three years and Rs 60,000 p.m. for the next two years; and (b) contingency grant of Rs 5.00 lakhs/year for one or more of the following: purchase of consumables, minor equipment, international and/or domestic travel, engaging manpower and other contingent expenditure to be incurred in connection with his or her research project. However, the institute/university where the applicant proposes to work may consider giving additional benefits (such as house rent allowance/housing, medical expenses, leave travel allowance and other benefits) as applicable to regular faculty. This may be directly taken up by the applicants with the Indian institution that proposes to host them.

Duration
The duration of the fellowship will be for a period of five years.

Other
Each awardee is expected to submit an annual progress report highlighting major achievements during the proceeding year in which fellowship was awarded (1 April–31 March) and will end the following March.

The Ramalingaswami Fellowship cannot be availed along with a regular salary. In case the awardee finds a job either before or during the tenure of the fellowship, either the fellowship or the salary can be availed at one and the same time. However, the contingency grant can be availed with the salary after obtaining due permission from DBT.

Application should be routed through the Indian institution where the awardee wishes to avail the fellowship.

The application along with separate summary sheets (10 copies) duly forwarded by the competent authority may be sent to Dr Meenakshi Munshi, Joint Director, Department of Biotechnology, Block 2, 7th Floor, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110 003, E-mail: meenakshi29.dbt@nic.in latest by 31 July 2008 as per prescribed format.

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PROFORMA FOR APPLICATION OF RAMALINGASWAMI FELLOWSHIP

1. Title: Mr/Mrs/Dr/Prof. 

2. Name: 

   First Name

   Surname

3. Mailing address (must indicate telephone, fax and e-mail address)

4. Date of birth: D D M M Y Y Y

5. Academic qualification:

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6. Details of employment from post doctoral research the currently held position backwards:

7. Area of specialization: (Please tick one)
   Agriculture/Plant Biotechnology/Animal Health/Aquaculture and Marine Biotechnology/
   Human Health/Biophysics/Biochemistry/Microbiology/Biochemical Engineering/Environmental
   Biotechnology/Bioinformatics/Other (please name):

8. Publications during the last five years (2002 onwards):
   (a) Number

   (b) Impact factor of individual publications
       (Attach list giving author name, year, title of publication, vol., page from, page to)

   (c) Cumulative impact factor (over 5 years)

9. (a) No. of Patents granted (National):
    (Please give details)

   (b) No of Patents granted (International):
    (Please give details)

   (Contd)
(c) No. of Patents applied for (National): □
(Please give details)

(d) No. of Patents applied for (International): □
(Please give details)

10. (a) Number of Technologies developed:
(Please give details)

(b) Number of Technologies transferred:
(Please give details)

(c) Number of Technologies commercialized:
(Please give details)

11. Awards and Honours:

(a) National (list):

(b) International (list):

12. Membership Academic bodies/Societies/other Professional bodies:

13. Major R&D projects/programmes implemented during the last 5 years:

(a) Completed projects (if applicable):
Please provide title, grant size, duration, funding agency, achievements vis-à-vis objectives.

(b) Ongoing projects (if applicable):
Please provide title, grant size, duration, funding agency, achievement vis-à-vis objectives achieved so far.

14. Proposed area of research and summary of the proposed work to be carried out (3–4 pages) giving salient features including title, objectives, milestones, expected outcome/deliverables.

15. Any other relevant information.

16. Certificate by the host Institute:

It is to certify that Prof./Dr.__________ if selected for Ramalingaswami Fellowship of the Department of Biotechnology will be provided office and laboratory space, access to equipments and library facilities, etc. for implementing the research project proposal submitted by him/her under this fellowship.

Signature of the Head of Institution with Seal

Place:
Date: