

# ICMR-DHR INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME FOR INDIAN BIOMEDICAL SCIENTISTS

One of the major mandates of ICMR and DHR is to augment capacity strengthening of Indian scientists. This international fellowship programme is intended to create a pool of talented health research personnel by facilitating advanced training and exposure to the latest advancements in knowledge through interaction with the international scientists in their respective field of work.

## I. SHORT TERM INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR SENIOR INDIAN BIOMEDICAL SCIENTISTS

<b>Areas for fellowships:</b>	Emerging areas in clinical/medicine/health sciences
<b>Duration of Fellowships :</b>	Two weeks to 3 months
<b>Number of Fellowships:</b>	Twenty five (25) fellowships per year
<b>Age limit:</b>	Below 57 years as on last date of receipt of application

### Financial Support

1. A stipend of US\$ 3000 per month which includes accommodation and other expenses.
2. Return economy class excursion airfare (by Air India ) through shortest possible route.
3. Contingency grant of maximum of Rs. 50,000/- (which includes the cost of visa, taxi charges from place of duty to airport and back, overseas mediclaim insurance expenses reimbursable on submission of original receipts/bills on return). No other charges/expenditure is admissible.
4. Advance stipend will be given as equivalent amount in Indian currency to Fellow and the last month stipend will be granted on return after completion of fellowship and due adjustment on submission of utilization certificate/original receipts.
5. For two weeks stay: US\$ 200 per day (including US\$ 75 as per diem and up to US\$ 125 for accommodation expenses, subject to a maximum of US\$ 3000 for entire duration of stay). Advance stipend will be given as equivalent amount in Indian currency to Fellow and the balance stipend will be granted on return after completion of fellowship and due adjustment on submission of utilization certificate/original receipts.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

1. The applicant should be a citizen of India and working in the country.
2. The applicant should possess an M.D/M.S/Ph.D degree (M.D./ M.S./ M.D.S. or MBBS/BDS/ MVSc./ M.Sc./M.Pharma/M.Tech or equivalent with Ph.D. in health / biomedical research) with at least fifteen years of experience (for availing the fellowship for 15 days) and atleast three years of experience (for availing the fellowship for 1-3 months) in teaching/research in a recognized Institute after obtaining the requisite qualification.
3. The application should be forwarded by the Employer/Head of the Institution with a statement that the candidate will be considered as a full time employee of the Institution during the period of his/her fellowship.
4. The applicant should submit a letter of acceptance from the host Institute where he/she proposes to work during the fellowship.
5. The applicant should submit a plan of proposed training for availing the fellowship.
6. The applicant should not have availed any similar fellowship of duration of one month or above from any of the agency of the GoI/State Govts in the last 3 years.

## **II. LONG TERM INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR YOUNG INDIAN BIOMEDICAL SCIENTISTS**

**Areas for fellowships:** Emerging areas in clinical/medicine/health sciences

**Duration of Fellowships :** 6 to 12 months

**Number of Fellowships:** Forty (40) fellowships per year

**Age limit:** Below 45 years as on last date of receipt of application

### **Financial Support**

1. A stipend of US\$ 3000 per month which includes accommodation and other expenses.
2. Return economy class excursion airfare (by Air India ) through shortest possible route.
3. Contingency grant of maximum of Rs. 50,000/- (which includes the cost of visa, taxi charges from place of duty to airport and back, overseas mediclaim insurance expenses

reimbursable on submission of original receipts/bills on return). No other charges/expenditure is admissible.

4. Advance stipend will be given as equivalent amount in Indian currency to Fellow and the last month stipend will be granted on return after completion of fellowship and due adjustment on submission of utilization certificate/original receipts.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

1. The applicant should be a citizen of India and working in the country.
2. The applicant should possess an M.D/M.S/Ph.D degree (M.D./ M.S./ M.D.S. or MBBS/BDS/ MVSc./ M.Sc./M.Pharma/M.Tech or equivalent with Ph.D. in health / biomedical research) with at least three years teaching/research experience in a recognized Institute after obtaining the requisite qualification.
3. The application should be forwarded by the Employer/Head of the Institution with a statement that the candidate will be considered as a full time employee of the Institution during the period of his/her fellowship.
4. The applicant should submit a letter of acceptance from the host Institute where he/she proposes to work during the fellowship.
5. The applicant should submit a proposed plan of training for availing the fellowship.
6. The applicant should not have availed any similar fellowship of duration of one month or above from any of the agency of the GoI/State Govts in the last 3 years.

### **Guidelines Governing the Fellowship**

1. The individual scientist availing this Fellowship would be addressed as an ICMR-DHR International Fellow (ICMR-DHR IF).
2. The candidate should correspond with the International Institute/Laboratory to be visited for their placement. A letter of acceptance from the Institute to be visited overseas is required to be produced along with the application form. Once selected, the Fellow will not be allowed to change the mentor/foreign lab other than the one mentioned in the application.
3. All necessary formalities with regard to visa application and overseas mediclaim insurance cover should be taken care of by the Fellow.

4. The Fellow will be entitled to air travel by Air India (both ways) in economy class (excursion fare) by the shortest route from the place of duty .
5. Parent institute shall continue to pay salary and other benefits such as leave, medical gratuity, GPF, pension as applicable to the fellow candidate while he/ she is away for the fellowship. No liability on any of these accounts will be borne by ICMR/DHR.
6. The Fellows will be required to execute a will/legal/service bond of Rs. 5.00 lakh to the parent Institute that he/she belongs to and will serve the parent Indian Institute for a period of at least 3 years after return from International fellowship.
7. If the Fellow does not return to India or gets a job overseas on completion of the fellowship or fails to fulfill any of the above requirements, he/she will be liable to reimburse the whole of the expenditure incurred during the fellowship period, including the airfare, from the Guarantees in one lump sum within one month of the completion of the term of the Fellowship and remit it to the ICMR. An undertaking to this effect on a Rs.50/- non-judicial stamp paper however be required to be submitted by the Guarantees, in case of selection of Fellow.
8. The Fellow should submit a final work report (in the prescribed format) on the research and training activities undertaken in the foreign Laboratory/Institute during the fellowship period. This should be submitted within 2 weeks of his/her return.
9. A progress report (in the prescribed format) evaluating the performance of the Young fellow by the Mentor from the host institution should also be submitted.
10. The utilisation certificate (in the prescribed format) should be submitted by the Fellow within 2 weeks of return for final adjustment of stipended/bills.
11. The fellowship should begin within the same financial year and must be completed before 31<sup>st</sup> March of the next year. Dates once decided will be treated as final as it involves lot of ground work and processing at ICMR-DHR.
12. Total claim bills on the budget head of fellowship should not exceed the specified amount.
13. In the event of cancellation of travel ticket due to change of the date of visit/change of sector of journey or any other reasons, the cancellation charges and difference of fare, if any, will be met by the Fellow.
14. ICMR-DHR will not be liable for anything whatsoever including GOI clearances, medical insurance etc., beyond the specified duration of stay (as approved by selection committee) of Fellow in the foreign country.

15. In case a Fellow withdraws/refuses to undertake the fellowship at the last minute he/she will be “de-barred” for succeeding two years from availing the ICMR-DHR International fellowship.
16. The Fellow has to submit the Utilization certificate; Report of training; Mentor’s report on return.

### **Selection Criteria**

Screening of applications will be done by the ICMR-DHR and the short listed candidates will be considered by the Selection Committee for awarding the fellowship.

The selection of the candidate will be based on the evaluation of the merit of the candidate and the training needs in the field of medical research by a Committee of eminent scientists.

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### **Important Note:**

1. Please refer to the **Registration process** before you Login and proceed further to submit the application.
2. For best resolution and easy access, may please **use the Google Chrome** for visiting the website and submitting the application.
3. The requisite documents may kindly be uploaded in **pdf format only** within the prescribed size limit indicated for each document.
4. The **scanned/digital signatures(jpg file)** may be uploaded.
5. Please refer to the detailed **guidelines** for International fellowships before submitting the application.

