

TWAS-DBT Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme

The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) of the Ministry of Science and Technology, India, and TWAS have established a fellowship programme for foreign scholars from developing countries who wish to pursue postdoctoral research in biotechnology.

To be announced

Partner Organizations

[Department of Biotechnology \(DBT\), India](#)

Eligible nationalities

[Developing countries in the South](#)

Host countries

India

Level

Postdoc

Minimum degree held

PhD

Duration

Minimum of 12 and maximum of 18 months

Field

01-Agricultural Sciences

02-Structural, Cell and Molecular Biology

03-Biological Systems and Organisms

04-Medical and Health Sciences incl. Neurosciences

05-Biological Sciences/Chemical Sciences (only Biotech Aspects)

Age limit

45

Applications can only be submitted via online portal once the call is open.

Please use the “apply now” button at the bottom of this page to start your application once the call is open.

Opening date of this fellowship: 15 December 2023

Closing date of this fellowship: 19 March 2024

Applicants are encouraged to apply for the preliminary acceptance letter as early as possible, even before the opening date of the call. Keeping in mind that only Acceptance letters dated the same year as the year of application are eligible.

Programme Details

- TWAS-DBT Postdoctoral Fellowships are tenable at key biotechnology research institutions in India for a minimum period of 12 months to a maximum period of 18 months.
- To help candidates in their choice of a suitable host institution a list of biotechnology institutes in India is available here: [dbt-biotechn_inst.pdf](#). However, candidates are free to choose an Indian biotechnology institution that does not appear on the list.

- DBT will provide a monthly stipend of Rs. 61,000/- + HRA and health insurance of Rs. 600/- per month. The fellowship holder will receive a contingency amount of Rs. 50,000/- per annum and shall be eligible to receive House Rent Allowance as per Government of India HRA rules. The fellowship will not be convertible into foreign currency.
- TWAS will provide a lump sum to cover partial travel and initial visa costs.
- **Neither DBT nor TWAS cover tuition fees, however, some institutions may waive the tuition fees for the applicants. Kindly query this with your chosen host institution when obtaining the preliminary acceptance letter.**
- The language of instruction is English.

Eligibility

Applicants for these fellowships must meet the following criteria:

- be a maximum age of 45 years within the year of application (31 December)
- be nationals of a developing country (other than India/ <https://twas.org/66-countries>)
- must not hold any visa for temporary or permanent residency in India or any developed country.
- Hold a PhD degree in bioscience or biotechnology.
- Be regularly employed in a developing country and hold a research assignment there.
- Be accepted at a biotechnology institution in India (*see sample Acceptance Letter* that can be downloaded below or included in the application form). N.B. Requests for acceptance must be directed to the chosen host institution(s), and *NOT* to DBT.
- provide a research proposal outline based on the format of the sample that can be downloaded below.
- provide evidence of proficiency in English, if medium of education was not English;
- provide evidence that s/he will return to her/his home country on completion of the fellowship;
- not take up other assignments during the period of her/his fellowship;
- be financially responsible for any accompanying family members.

Submitting your application

- The opening date of the call is 15 December 2023.
- The deadline for receipt of applications is 19 March 2024
- Applicants should submit the Acceptance Letter from an Indian biotechnology institution to TWAS when applying or by the deadline at the latest. Applicants will have until the deadline to submit the Acceptance Letter to TWAS. Without preliminary acceptance, the application will not be considered for selection.
- Should you have applied to or availed any Indian fellowships (especially INSA JRD TATA and JNCASR-CICS) in the current or previous year this must be clearly specified in the application form.
- Applications for the TWAS-DBT Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme can ONLY be submitted to TWAS via the online portal. A tutorial on how to use the online application form is available below for download.
- Applicants should be aware that they can apply for only one fellowship per year. With the exception of the [Visiting Scientists](#) programme, all other fellowship programmes offered by TWAS and [OWSD](#) are mutually exclusive.

Results of the fellowship selection should be available toward the mid of 2024 or the end of 2024, and selected candidates will be able to start their fellowship NO earlier than beginning of 2025.

Award Details:

A total of 10 awards will be considered in the DBT-TWAS Postdoctoral Fellowship program.

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