

DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
TATA INNOVATION FELLOWSHIP
GUIDELINES

1. SCHEME:

To recognize the contribution of scientists in various fields of biotechnology Life Sciences, Agriculture, Biomedical Sciences, Bio engineering, Translational Health Sciences and other related disciplines, who are engaged in discovery, innovation and Invention, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), has instituted a scheme "**Tata Innovation Fellowship**".

2. OBJECTIVES:

This competitive fellowship is to recognize scientists with an outstanding track record in Biological sciences and a deep commitment to find Innovative solutions to major problems in health care, agriculture and other related areas. The aim is to reward Interdisciplinary work of high quality with emphasis on translation and innovation.

3. ELIGIBILITY:

- i) The fellowship is open to Indian Nationals residing in India who are below the age of 55 years as on last date of submission of application.
- ii) The applicant should possess a Ph.D. degree in Life Sciences, Agriculture, Veterinary Science or a degree in Medical Sciences, Engineering or an equivalent degree in Biotechnology related areas. The applicant must have put in atleast 10 years of work in the specific area.
- iii) The candidate must have a regular position in a University/Institute/Organization and should be engaged in research and development. If he/she is availing any other Fellowship, he/she will have to opt for only one of the fellowships.
- iii) The applicant should have spent at least 5 years in India before applying for the Fellowship.

4. NUMBER:

Number of fellowships is 10 per year.

5. DURATION:

The duration of the fellowship will be initially for three years which can be extended by two years on a fresh appraisal.

6. NATURE OF SUPPORT:

- i) The amount of the fellowship will be Rs.25,000/- per month in addition to regular salary from the host institute. If an awardee is receiving salary from international organization, he will be entitled for research grant i.e. contingency only.
- ii) In addition, each Fellow will receive a contingency grant of Rs. 10.00 lakh per annum for purchase of consumables, equipment, international and domestic travel, engaging manpower and other contingent expenditure to be incurred in connection with the implementation of the project to be carried out during the tenure of the fellowship.
- iii) The Tata Innovation Fellows would be eligible for regular research grant(s) through extramural and other research schemes of various S& T agencies of the Government of India.

7. REVIEW OF PROGRESS:

The progress of scheme awarded with the fellowship will be reviewed annually by the experts based on the report submitted by the awardee to DBT (no physical presentation). Based on even single satisfactory report, release will be made.

8. EXTENSION:

Extension will be considered based on the recommendation of experts/review committee for further two years (no physical presentation) with fellowship and Research grant.

Terms and Conditions for availing the Tata Innovation Fellowship of Department of Biotechnology

I -Role of Department of Biotechnology

1. Department of Biotechnology will release as an award of Rs. 25,000/- p.m. and contingency grant of Rs. 10.00 lakh per year for a period of 3 years to the host institute for further release to the awardee. Rs. 25,000/- p.m. to be given to the awardee in addition to the regular salary.
2. The subsequent grant would be released based on the scientific review of the work done in the previous three years particularly research of translational and applied nature.
3. DBT may be kept informed about any patent granted or product developed or commercialized during the period of the fellowship.

II -Role of the Fellow

1. Each fellow is entitled to a fellowship of Rs. 25,000/- p.m. and contingency grant of Rs. 10.00 lakh per year for a period of three years. The contingency grant can be utilized towards purchase of equipments, consumables, international and domestic travel, engaging manpower and other contingent expenditure to be incurred in connection with the implementation of the project.

2. Since the fellowship is routed through host institute, the awardee should abide by the rules and regulations of the Institute.
3. The awardee will submit annual progress report to the Department.
4. The support of DBT will be suitably acknowledged in the publications (papers, reports etc.) arising out of the research work done under this fellowship.
5. The participating agencies shall keep the information and data collected completely secret provided that the right to transfer the technology shall rest with DBT.
6. These terms and conditions will remain in force for the duration of the fellowship.

III -Role of the Host Institute

1. The host institute accepting a Tata Innovation Fellow would provide the necessary space, research facilities and other administrative support to conduct the research under this fellowship.
2. The awardee would be governed by the rules and regulations of the host institute with regard to leave/travel and other related issues.
3. Host institute will maintain separate account of the grant released and submit UC/SE at the end of the financial year to DBT.

4. Institute will maintain a separate audit head of account for the grant received from DBT.
5. Institute will ensure effective utilization of grant given by DBT for the purpose for which it was granted and to ensure timely progress of the work.

Signature of the Fellow

**Signature with seal of the
Competent Authority**