Department of Biotechnology
Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellowship
Revised Guidelines (w.e.f November, 2018)

SCHEME:

The Department of Biotechnology has instituted a scheme known as “Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellowship” for Indian Nationals who are working overseas in various fields of Biotechnology, Life sciences & all other allied areas and would like to return to India to pursue their research interests. Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellows can work in any of the Scientific Institutions/Universities/ relevant Industry in the country and are eligible for regular research grant through extramural and other research schemes of various S&T agencies of the Government of India.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

i) Scientists working in any area of Life Sciences/Biotechnology/Bio-engineering/Health Care, Agriculture/ Veterinary Sciences and all other allied areas will be eligible to apply.

ii) The applicant should possess a Ph.D/MD degree or equivalent in Life Sciences/Biotechnology/Bio-engineering/Health Care, Agriculture/ Veterinary Sciences and all other allied areas with a minimum of three years of post-doctoral research experience of which at least last two years must be from overseas research laboratories.

iii) Those who have already returned to India within one year of the closing date of this advertisement are also eligible to apply.

iv) Applicants should have a proven/ outstanding track record as evident from research publications and recognitions.

v) In case fellow is offered a permanent position, he/she can only avail either fellowship or salary at a given time.

vi) The upper age limit for applying is 45 years as on closing date of application.

DURATION AND NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS:

(i) The duration of the fellowship will be for a period of Five Years. In exceptional cases, the duration of the award may be extended by another two years on a fresh appraisal. However, during extension the period fellow is eligible only for Fellowship and House Rent Allowance (HRA) & no research/contingency grant will be provided.

(ii) Up to 75 fellowships will be awarded every year.
NATURE OF SUPPORT:

(i) The amount of the fellowship will be of Rs.1, 00,000/- (consolidated) per month.
(ii) HRA @ Rs. 18,500 p.m. consolidated.
(iii) Each awardee will, in addition, receive a research /contingency grant of Rs. 10, 00,000 for 1st & 2nd year, Rs. 7, 50,000 per annum for 3rd & 4th year and Rs.5, 00,000 per annum for 5th year for purchase of consumables, minor equipment, international and domestic travel, engaging project staff and other contingent expenditure to be incurred in connection with the implementation of the project.
(iv) Rs. 50,000/annum will be provided as an institutional overhead.
(v) Awardees will be eligible for regular research grant/s through extramural and other research schemes of various S&T agencies of the Government of India, provided that a Co-PI is a regular faculty member.

WHERE WILL Awardees WORK

(i) Awardees can choose to work at any S&T institution including University/Academic institution/National R &D Laboratory or relevant Industry in India, provided the Institution at which they wish to pursue research is willing to provide the necessary R&D, administrative, basic infrastructural support to facilitate research and necessary related support.
(ii) The applications have to be duly forwarded by the host institutions against an advertisement.
(iii) Selection will be made by Expert Committee/s specially appointed for the purpose.

MODE OF SELECTION

(i) DBT will advertise the Fellowship once in an year on its Website (www.dbtindia.nic.in), National Newspapers and Scientific Journals (Nature, Science, Current Science, Bio-spectrum etc.).
Certificate by the Host Institute

Certified that Dr. __________ if given the Ramalingaswami Re-Entry Fellowship of the Department of Biotechnology; he/she 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 forwarding authority along-with the seal)*

* [Forwardal from the host institute is mandatory; otherwise the application will not be accepted. Forwarding should be from Registrar/Vice Chancellor/Dean/Directors of National R&D institutions/CEO or HR Head (in case if industry) or as the case may be. Applications forwarded by Heads of department will not be considered].

Name of the forwarding authority:
Designation:
Phone No:
Email:
Date:
Place: