



**DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**



Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellowship (RRF) 2023-2024

Applications are invited from Indian Nationals working in overseas research institutions for taking up scientific research in India under the Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellowship (DBT-RRF), prestigious Re-Entry Scheme of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India. Initiated in the year 2006-2007, DBT-RLS programme has been instrumental in creating a pool of highly-skilled and trained researchers working on cutting-edge technologies in Indian universities and institutions as well as building a critical mass of science leaders aimed at competence building in biotechnology.

Aim of Fellowship:

The scheme has been conceptualized with the aim of attracting highly-skilled researchers (Indian Nationals) working overseas in various cutting-edge disciplines of any area of life sciences & biotechnology, bio-engineering, healthcare (human and animal), agriculture and veterinary biotechnology, bio-energy and allied areas by providing them an attractive avenue to pursue their scientific R&D interests in Indian universities/ institutions.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. **Nationality:** Indian citizens only are eligible to apply.
2. **Age Limit:** The upper age limit for applying is 45 years as on closing date of the application.
3. **Area of Research:** Applicant working in any area of life sciences & biotechnology, bio-engineering, healthcare (human and animal), agriculture and veterinary biotechnology, bio- energy and allied areas will be eligible to apply.
4. **Qualification & Experience:** Applicant should possess a Ph.D./M.D. degree or equivalent in life sciences/ agriculture, bioinformatics and allied areas or M.Tech. in Biotechnology / allied areas/ medicine etc. with at least three years of post-doctoral research experience in overseas research laboratories. Applicants

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

5. Those who have already returned to India within one year of the closing date of the advertisement (two years for women candidates) are also eligible to apply; however, if they have secured a permanent position in India within this period then they are **not** eligible to apply.

Duration of Fellowship:

The duration of the fellowship will be for a period of three years. In exceptional cases, the duration of the award may be extended by additional two years after a fresh appraisal of performance.

Nature of Support:

- The Fellow will receive Fellowship of Rs.1,00,000/- per month.
- An amount of Rs. 18,500/- per month for HRA will be provided to the Fellow (if applicable).
- In addition, Fellow will receive Research Support grant of Rs. 13,00,000/- per annum for purchase of consumables, minor equipment, domestic travel, engaging project staff and other contingent expenditure to be incurred in connection with the implementation of the project.
- The Host institute will receive Rs. 50,000/- per annum towards institutional overhead under the project.
- The Fellows 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, and the concerned funding agency allows for this arrangement.
- In case a fellow joins a permanent position, the fellowship and HRA components of the scheme will be discontinued, however, he/she can avail the research grant component of the fellowship for the remaining tenure of the fellowship.
- During the extension period, the fellow will be provided with Fellowship, Contingency/Research grant, HRA and Institutional Overhead.

Selection of Host Institute

- Applicants can choose to work at any S&T institution including university departments or other academic institutions and national laboratories in India, provided the institution at which they wish to pursue research is willing to provide the necessary R&D, administrative and basic infrastructural support to facilitate research.
- The applications have to be duly-forwarded by the Competent Authority of the host institutions against an advertisement.
- Candidate can submit his/her nomination through single host institute only. However, institutions can nominate more than one candidate.

How to Apply:

- Application for Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellowship Programme 2023 shall be submitted by ONLINE mode only.
- To apply, interested applicants may kindly visit the websites <https://dbtindia.gov.in/> and <https://rcb.res.in/> for accessing the link of online portal.
- Applicants must register on the online portal, fill complete information in the online application form and submit it before the closing date of application.
- Online application form to be filled by applicant comprises information pertaining to Personal Information, Academic Qualifications, Post-Doctoral Experience, Work Experience, Research Contribution, Referee Details, Proposed Research Work and Proposed Host Institution.
- Documents to be submitted along with Online Application Form must include-
 - Date of Birth Proof
 - Copy of Passport (if applicable)
 - Doctoral Degree Certificate
 - Details of Research Contribution
 - Reprints of 5 Best Research Publications (first page only)
 - Research Proposal detailing Proposed Research Work
 - Certificate by Host Institute
 - Letters of Recommendation

- Undertaking from the applicant/ Statement from Current Employer (certifying that applicant is not on a permanent position in India) (if applicable)
- It is mandatory to submit certificate from host institute; otherwise the application shall not be accepted.
- Application form which has not been submitted through Online Portal shall not be accepted. **One hard copy of the submitted application should be send on DBT HRD PMU at RCB address as mentioned below.**
- Detailed information on the fellowship grant, eligibility criteria and application process is available at DBT and RCB websites (www.dbtindia.gov.in and www.rcb.res.in).

Important Dates:

Start Date of Online Application	27th December 2023
End Date of Online Application	15th February 2024 (IST 11:59 PM)

Contact Information:

The RRF programme is being managed by the DBT HRD Project Management Unit (DBT HRD PMU) established at Regional Centre of Biotechnology (RCB), NCR Biotech Science Cluster, Faridabad.

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