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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.

Call opening

Deadline

31 August 2022

Partner Organizations

[Department of Biotechnology \(DBT\), India](#) [1]

Host country

India

Eligible nationalities

[Developing countries in the South](#) [2]

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-Chemical Sciences

Age limit

45

Sandwich option

no

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: 1 June 2022

Closing date of this fellowship: 31 August 2022

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: [List_Biotechn_India.pdf](#) [3]. However, candidates are free to choose an Indian biotechnology institution that does not appear on the list.
- DBT will provide a monthly stipend to cover for living costs, food and health insurance. The monthly stipend will not be convertible into foreign currency. In addition, the fellowship holder will receive a house rent allowance.
- The language of instruction is English.

Eligibility

Applicants for these fellowships must meet the following criteria:

- be a maximum age of 45 years on 31 December of the application year.
- be nationals of a developing country (other than India).
- 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 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 1 June 2022.
- The deadline for receipt of applications is 31 August 2022.
- 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](#) [4] programme, all other fellowship programmes offered by TWAS and [OWSD](#) [5] are mutually exclusive.

Results of the fellowship selection should be available toward the end of 2021 or early 2022, and selected candidates will be able to start their fellowship NO earlier than beginning of 2023.

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