



KERALA BIOTECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP – BIOTECHNOLOGY

Guidelines

Introduction:

The Post-Doctoral Fellowship programme is offered to young researchers who have completed their Ph.D in relevant areas of Biotechnology for promoting independent research mentored by eminent scientists/faculty in reputed institutions. The Post-Doctoral Fellowship carries an amount of Rs. 45,000/- per month + HRA (10%) with an annual contingency grant of Rs. 75,000/-

Conditions

- Applicant should be of Kerala origin and unemployed at the time of application
- Applicant should have qualified Ph.D. **in Life Sciences including Veterinary Science, Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries or Master's degree in Medicine** as on the date of application
- Applicant should have scored minimum 60% marks for post-graduation
- Applicants should choose an institution in the Government Sector, belonging to the category of R&D institutions (*National/State level*) or University Departments.
- Application should be forwarded through the chosen Research Centre with the necessary endorsements
 - *The chosen Institution shall preferably be in Kerala. However, premier National level Institutions such as IISER, IIT, IISc etc outside the State shall also be considered as Research Centre for the proposed Post-Doc Research.*
 - *The proposed Research Centre for Post-Doctoral research should be different from their Ph.D Research Centre. (different Centers of the same University allowed; however, different Departments of the same University not allowed)*
- Scientist Mentor should be a Regular/Permanent employee of the Institute and should be left with minimum 5 years of service for Superannuation.
- Applicant should not be receiving fellowship or grant from any source at the time of application
- Applicants should have published at least one research paper in a Science Citation Indexed Journal or should have secured one patent.
- Those who have already availed one Post-Doctoral Fellowship from KSCSTE or elsewhere are not eligible to apply for a second PDF.

Eligibility

The applicant should possess first class Master's Degree in Life Sciences including Veterinary Science, Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries or Master's degree in Medicine followed by PhD with biotechnologically relevant aspects with quality publications in indexed (SCI) journals. The fellowship is extended to candidates with first class Master's Degree in life science including veterinary science, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, or any Master's degree in Medicine, and who have submitted their PhD thesis with quality publications in indexed (SCI) journals. The fellowship of the candidate shall be enhanced to 45,000/- from the date of award of the Doctoral degree.

Age limit

40 years as on the date of application, relaxable for 3 years for OBC and 5 years for SC/ST.

How to apply

Applications are accepted through online mode

Procedure for Selection

1. Selection is based on relative merit of the proposal, and subject to the availability of fund in each financial year
2. Applications satisfying the eligibility criteria, will be subjected to Preliminary screening and relative grading by the Research Advisory Committee.
3. Each of the proposals selected in (3) above will be peer reviewed by 5 experts; 3 from within the State and 2 from outside the State and will be ranked based on relative grading. Projects that are graded 5 or below will be rejected at this stage.
4. The Peer reviewed proposals passing stage (4) above will be considered for presentation and final selection by the Research Advisory Committee, subject to a maximum of 5 under each category. One of the five external reviewers will serve as an external expert during presentation in the Research Advisory Committee.
5. The total number of selections in each year will be based on the availability of funds in the respective financial year.
6. Based on the recommendation of the Committee, and final approval by KBC, KSCSTE a letter of intimation will be sent to the applicants informing the decision on their application
7. Those who are selected for Fellowship will be asked to submit the following documents
 - i. Signed Agreement on acceptance of Fellowship
 - ii. Final approved copy of Project proposal

- iii. Bank Account details pertaining to the institution in specified format
8. On receipt of the above for documents, KBC, KSCSTE will issue an official Sanction Order for commencing the Fellowship Programme and release of 1st instalment of grant
9. The selected Candidates can join the Institution and start the project either on receipt of Sanction Order or on receipt of 1st instalment of grant as per the choice of the candidate and the Institute, preferably in two weeks' time and in no case, less than one month of receipt of grant

In case of any specific clarifications, please contact:

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