

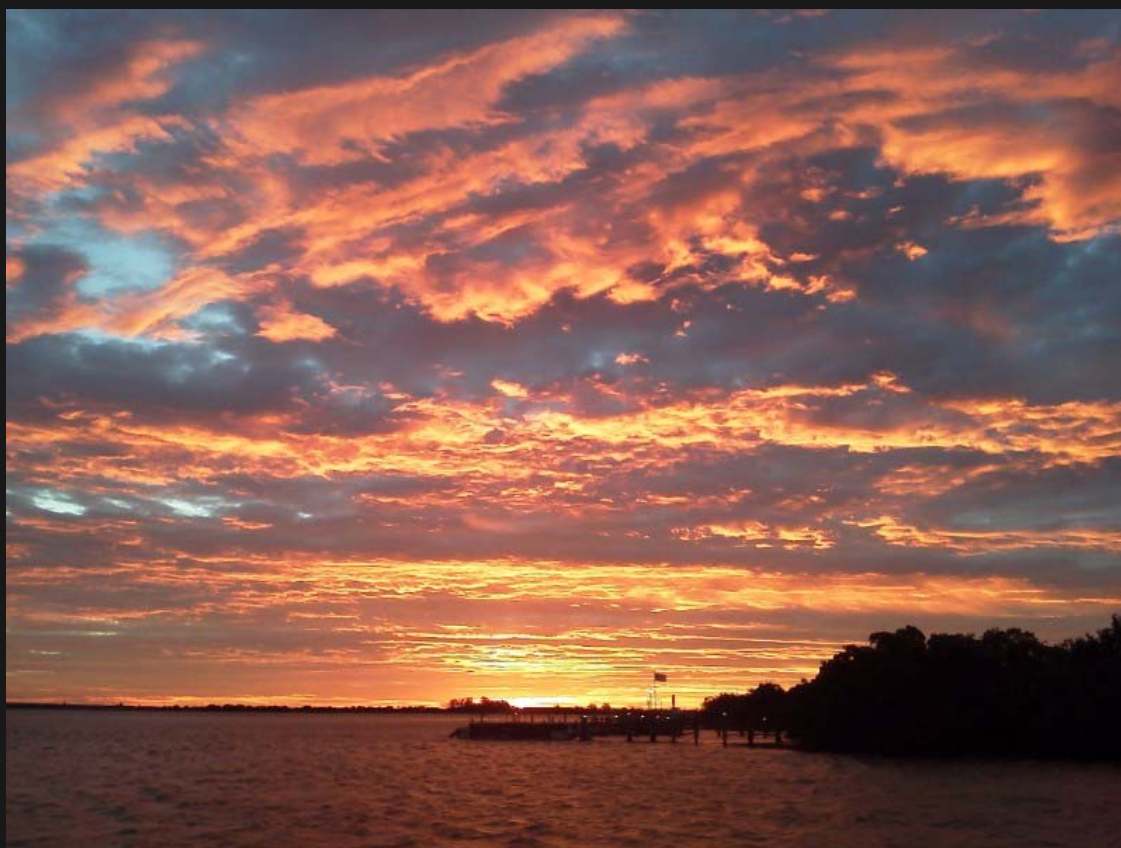
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Funding Horizons



Dear Colleague,

Welcome to Funding Horizons, a compilation of useful information relating to funding opportunities at the Bangalore Life Science Cluster campus. This newsletter includes information on forthcoming funding deadlines, institutional policies, recent funding successes and more.

We hope this will be useful for you in planning your funding applications.

With Best Wishes,
Savita Ayyar (on Behalf of Team RDO)

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Postdoctoral funding

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Facility Access Charges

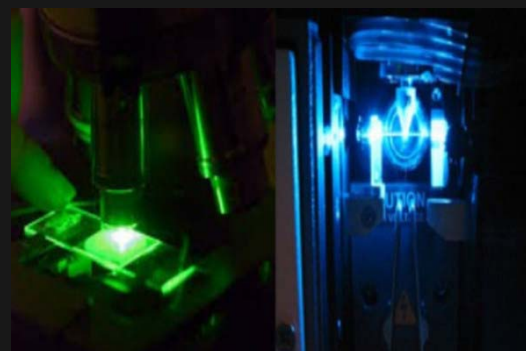
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Details for various fellowship schemes for funding postdoctoral researchers (and deadlines information) can be accessed at: <https://www.ncbs.res.in/rdo/sponsor-researcher>. As per campus norms, applications from postdoctoral colleagues to externally funded competitive fellowships (SERB-N-PDF, IYBA, WT/IA-ECF), to be hosted at NCBS or inStem, require MANDATORY pre-screening by the Academic office. The Academic office will issue specific calls for applications for prescreening to these schemes, 5-6 weeks ahead of submission deadlines. Expressions of interest from postdoctoral colleagues should be submitted to the Academic office in time for internal deadlines issued in these calls. The procedure for pre-screening is detailed here: <https://www.ncbs.res.in/academic/postdoc-extramural>.

Once the application is approved by the Academic Office, the grant submission to the agency is coordinated via the RDO. The RDO will need at least 2-3 weeks lead time ahead of deadlines to coordinate the submission. Queries regarding any postdoctoral funding should be routed to RDO in the first instance at least 3 weeks ahead of the submission deadline. Information regarding postdoctoral funding matters should be discussed with RDO staff by requesting an appointment via an email at rdo@ncbs.res.in.

Campus researchers have access to a wide variety of research facilities ranging from Drosophila transgenic services to imaging technologies and green-houses. Details of these services can be accessed at <https://www.ncbs.res.in/facilities/research>. As per recently established institutional norms, access to the facilities incurs access costs. Any queries regarding usage of these facilities and the access charges may be directed to Dr. H Krishnamurthy (krishna@ncbs.res.in), Head, Research facilities.

Investigators putting together grant applications to external agencies are advised to consider resources needed for access to the campus research facilities and to ensure inclusion of adequate budgetary costs for covering the charges for usage of the facilities in their applications for extramural funding. The RDO can advise on the costings, in line with agency and campus norms.



Funding News

EMBO funding

EMBO funding schemes are now made accessible via the efforts of DBT for the benefit of the Indian scientific community. To know more about it click on <http://news.ncbs.res.in/story>

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EU funding via Horizon2020

DBT and the EC have agreed to set up a co-funding mechanism to support joint projects between European and Indian universities, research institutions and companies. More details on the joint funding can be accessed at <http://www.dbtindia.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/DBT-EUcallsunderH2020-.pdf>

Awarded grants January - March 2016

This section provides brief details of the recent funding successes from our campus. We wish all the investigators well for their proposed programmes of research. All correspondence on awarded grants should be directed to rdopostaward@ncbs.res.in

Raghu Padinjat, Mahendra Rao, Sanjeev Jain, Alok Srivastava and colleagues from NCBS, inStem, NIMHANS and CMC Vellore *Accelerating the application of stem cell technology in human diseases (ASHD)* DBT Institutional grant

Vivek Ramachandran *Non-volant small mammal communities of the Western Himalayas: exploring drivers of elevational richness and community composition.* SERB Startup grant for young investigators

Gnaneshwar Yadav *Unravelling the role played by neuronal gap junction protein Connexin 35 (Cx35) in zebrafish.* SERB Startup grant for young investigators

Shannon Olsson *Ramanujan Fellowship* SERB

Radhika Venkatesan *Ramanujan Fellowship* SERB

Dimple Notani *Understanding the Enhancer-Code used by IFN γ in the Activation/Repression of Target Genes during Inflammation.* WT-DBT IA Intermediate Fellowship

Shravanti Rampalli *Role of Euchromatic histone methyl transferase (Ehmt1) in human neural development.* DBT IYBA

Satyajit Mayor *Mechanisms and functional consequences of compositional regulation at the local and global scale in membranes of living cells.* WT-DBT IA Margdarshi Fellowship

Uma Ramakrishnan *Developing a protocol for SNP typing from fecal samples to monitor individual tigers and population connectivity.* Wild life conversation Trust

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Mahesh Sankaran *Shaping savanna landscapes: the long-term influence of large herbivores on the spatial organization of savanna ecosystems.* National Geographic Society Field work grant

Satyajit Mayor, Ashok Venkitaraman and colleagues, *A Joint Centre for Cancer Biology & Therapeutics.* DBT MRC Joint Centre grant

Ramkumar Sambasivan *Genetic program governing vertebrate head mesoderm specification.* DBT Project grant

Philanthropic support to the campus

Kris Gopalakrishnan (Pratiksha Trust)



The Pratiksha Trust, a charitable Trust setup by Kris Gopalakrishnan and his family, has recently provided a major philanthropic boost to the collaborative ASHD research program at NCBS and inStem.

"Some of the best research organizations in India - NCBS, InStem, NIMHANS, CMC Vellore - are being brought together by DBT to work in the area of genomics with potential to find cures for neuropsychiatric diseases; and Pratiksha Trust is excited to support this. Clearly, this will have benefits for India and rest of the world", said Mr Gopalakrishnan.

More about the ASHD program at
<http://news.ncbs.res.in/story/accelerating-application-stem-cell-technology-human-disease>

Forthcoming deadlines

(<https://www.ncbs.res.in/rdo/sponsor-deadlines>)

May-July 2016

All queries on new grant submissions should be directed to rdo@ncbs.res.in

Applicants are requested to allow at least 2 weeks before a submission deadline for RDO staff to carry out necessary due diligence on outgoing applications.

Research Fellowship/Grants

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Remit: To support young scientist with excellent track record to pursue research in frontier areas of science and technology.

Applicant eligibility: For Indian nationals who are active in the frontier area of science and engineering with outstanding contributions in the form of research publications, peer recognition etc. Age limit 30 to 40 years as on December 31, 2015

Budget: Fellowship of Rs. 25,000/- per month for five years. Grants for equipments, computational facilities, consumables, contingencies, national and international travel and other special requirements, if any, will be covered based on merit.

Duration: 5 Years

Agency deadline: 30th April, 2016.

Weblink: <http://www.dst.gov.in/sites/default/files/ADVERTISEMENT-SWARNAJAYANTI-FELLOWSHIPS-2015-16.pdf>

Margdarshi Fellowship (The Wellcome Trust/DBT India Alliance)

Remit: To support scientific leaders to set up partnerships with the Indian biomedical research community.

Applicant eligibility: The researcher is expected to have run independent laboratory for at least 10 years and have an outstanding scientific record. Applicant must be sponsored by a Host Institution located in India.

Budget: Total 15 crore for the program

Duration: 5 years

Agency deadline: 2nd May, 2016

Weblink: <http://www.wellcomedbt.org/fellowshiptype/margdarshi-fellowships>

Research Training Fellowships For Clinicians (Wellcome Trust- DBT India Alliance)

Remit: For MD/MS/DM qualified candidates and Allied health professionals to get trained in research during the period of their clinical training .

Applicant eligibility: MD/MS/DM/DNB (or equivalent degree) qualified candidates and Allied health professionals MBBS qualified candidates with MPH degree.

Budget: INR 34 lakhs for two years which includes personal support and research training costs.

Duration: 2 years and an option to request an extension for another one year

Deadline: 16th May, 2016

Weblink: <http://www.wellcomedbt.org/fellowships/research-training-fellowships-for-clinician>

R & D Proposals on TB Diagnostic Markers (DBT)

Remit: To support development of innovative, field-applicable and cost-effective diagnostic biomarkers for Tuberculosis.

Applicant eligibility: Proposals may be submitted by scientists/ interdisciplinary groups working in recognized R & D Institutions.

Duration: 3 years

Agency deadline: 31st May, 2016

Weblink: <http://www.dbtindia.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/Revised-TB-RFA.pdf>

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Gulbenkian Foundation)

Remit: To support highly qualified scientists working in selected countries outside the United States and United Kingdom who are in the critical beginning stages of their independent careers.

Applicant eligibility: Applicants having outstanding scientific training records and exceptional potential for significant in their independent careers and are trained in the United States or United Kingdom at the doctoral, medical, or postdoctoral level for at least 1 year.

Budget: \$250,000 in the first year and \$100,000 for each of the following four years.

Duration: 5 Years

Deadline: 30th June, 2016

Weblink: <https://www.hhmi.org/sites/default/files/Programs/International/International-Research-Scholars-Program-Announcement.pdf>

International Collaboration**(Russia) Indo-Russian Joint Research Call for Proposals 2016 (DST-RFBR)**

Remit: To support joint Research Proposals in India and Russia in the areas of Basic Science High performance computing and big data, non linear optics etc.

Applicant eligibility: The team leaders must hold a full-time position at a university or research institute in their respective countries.

Budget: US \$ 30,000 (18,00,000/-from DST to the Indian partner and up to Rbls. 18,00,000/- from RFBR to the Russian partner).

Duration: The duration of each project will be two years initially. After the completion of this period, an application for additional one year may be considered on the merit of the progress.

Agency Deadline: 5th May, 2016

Weblink: http://dst.gov.in/sites/default/files/rfbr-interdisciplinary-call-05-feb-2016_0.pdf

(Belarus) Indo-Belarus Joint Research Programme

Remit: To support R&D project proposals from scientists & technologists jointly submitted by scientists from India and Belarus.

Applicant eligibility: The applicant should be a Leader of a team of scientists in each country and should hold a full-time position at a University or Research Institution.

Budget: Limited research expenses / contingency. Exchange of visits for research projects by scientists, experts or students.

Duration: 2 years with an option for extension upto one year.

Agency deadline: 31st May, 2016

Weblink: <http://www.dst.gov.in/sites/default/files/India-Belarus-Call%202016.pdf>

(Germany) Indo-German Joint Research Collaboration- Project-based Personnel Exchange Programme with India (DST-DAAD)

Remit: To strengthen the collaboration between Indian and German research groups, which are working jointly on a particular scientific project.

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researchers from German and Indian universities who are in permanent positions at public funded research institutes.

Budget: Expenses related to mobility and hospitality for scientists and doctoral students

Duration: 2 years

Deadline: 15th June, 2016

Weblink: http://www.dst.gov.in/sites/default/files/dst-daad-announcement_0.pdf

(Poland) Indo- Poland Joint Research Programme (MNISW-DST)

Remit: To support joint research projects in bilateral mode involving scientists & technologists from India and Poland.

Applicant eligibility: The team leader should hold a full-time position at a University or Research Institution in the respective Country.

Budget: Research expenses / contingency and exchange visits.

Duration: 2 years and upto 1 year extension

Deadline: 17th June, 2016

Weblink: <http://www.dst.gov.in/sites/default/files/Indo-Poland-Joint%20-Research-Programme.pdf>

(France): Industry Academia Research & development programme (CEFIPRA)

Remit: To promote linkages between Industry and Academia of France and India by involving at least one industrial partner and one research institutes each from India & France (2+2 Model).

Applicant eligibility: Principal collaborators and joint collaborators having permanent position as scientists/ faculty members in universities/ deemed universities, academic institutes and national research and development laboratories/institutes.

Budget : Manpower, consumables & contingency, travel

Duration: 3 years

Agency Deadline: 1st July, 2016

Weblink: <http://www.cefipra.org/section.aspx?catid=877&langid=1>

(France) Red Biotechnology up to pre-commercialization stage (CEFIPRA-BIRAC)

Remit: To support bilateral, innovative and market-driven projects in the field of molecular diagnostic for prediction of Alzheimer's and other dementia; Biomaterials and cell engineering for health applications etc.

Applicant eligibility: The proposals must involve at least two French partners (one academia and one industry) and two Indian partners (one academia and one industry).

Budget: up to 40 lakhs for Indian Side and € 50000 for French project costs.

Duration: 2 years

Agency Deadline: 15th July, 2016

Weblink: http://birac.nic.in/news_description.php?id=194

(International) Yamagiwa-Yoshida Memorial international study grants (UICC)

Remit: To enable cancer investigators from any country to carry out bilateral research projects abroad which exploit complementary materials or skills, including advanced

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Applicant eligibility: PhD/MD with min 2 years postdoc experience

Budget: US\$ 10,000 each

Duration: 3 months and Up to 3 months extension

Deadline: 15th July, 2016

Weblink: <http://www.uicc.org/programmes/geti/our-activities/study-grants>

(US) Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships (USIEF)

Remit: To provide Indian faculty, researchers, and professionals residing in India the opportunity to teach, conduct research, or carry out a combination of lecturing and research at a U.S. institution.

Applicant eligibility: Indian faculty/researchers with at least 5 years teaching experience, preferably below 50 years of age.

Budget: Travel, monthly stipend etc.

Agency deadline: 15th July, 2016

Weblink: <http://www.usief.org.in/Fulbright-Nehru-Postdoctoral-Research-Fellowship.aspx>

International Exchange

Hamied Visiting Fellowship (Cambridge-India)

Remit: To support a faculty exchange in order to strengthen the existing collaborations between India and Cambridge.

Applicant eligibility: Academics at Indian universities with an existing academic relationship with colleagues at the University of Cambridge

Budget: Travel, transfers and accommodation.

Duration: 1-2 weeks

Agency Deadline: No deadline

Weblink: <http://www.cambridge-india.org/funding-opportunities/hamied-visiting-fellowship>

Raman–Charpak Fellowship (CEFIPRA)

Remit: To facilitate the exchange of doctoral students between the two countries, in order to broaden the scope and depth of future engagements in science, technology and innovation

Applicant eligibility: Applicants from India must be Indian citizens residing in India and have registered for a PhD in a recognized university or research institution in India, Maximum age limit is 30 years as on 1st April, 2016.

Budget: Fellowship Support, travel, accommodation, visa, insurance etc

Duration: 2-6 months

Agency deadline: 31st May, 2016

Weblink: <http://cefipra.org/raman-charpak>

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Postdoctoral Fellowship

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Studying Complex Systems (James S. McDonnell

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Remit: To provide students with an opportunity to seek potential postdoctoral research opportunities on the basis of their interest and desire to obtain additional skills and experience that will further their pursuit of careers in complex systems science.

Applicant eligibility: Ph.D. students with theoretical and/or experimental training in Complex Systems Science that anticipate completing their graduate training in late 2016 or in 2017. No nationality restrictions.

Budget: \$200,000 USD

Duration: 2-3 years

Deadline: 30th June, 2016

Weblink: www.jsmf.org/apply/fellowship

Helen Hay Whitney Foundation Post doctoral scheme (HHWF)

Remit: To support early postdoctoral research training in all basic biomedical sciences.

Applicant eligibility: PhD with no more than *one year* of postdoctoral research experience at the time of the deadline for submitting the application

Budget: Travel Expenses, stipend and research allowance.

Duration: Three years

Agency deadline: 1 July, 2016

Weblink: <http://www.hhwf.org/HTMLSrc/ResearchFellowships.html>

Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship for Postdoctoral Research (USIEF)

Remit: To build long-term capacity to address climate change related issues between India and US.

Applicant eligibility: Indian citizen residing in India at the time of application with high level of academic/professional achievement. 0-4 years post-Ph.D. degree experience (Ph.D. awarded between July 15, 2012 and July 14, 2016).

Budget: Round-trip economy class air travel between India and the U.S., a monthly stipend, Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges per U.S. Government guidelines, a modest settling-in allowance, and a professional allowance.

Duration: 8-12 Months

Agency deadline: 15th July, 2016

Weblink: <http://www.usief.org.in/upload/ip2017-18/climate%20Fellowship/India-Fulbright-Kalam-Climate-Fellowship-Applicant-Instructions-for-Postdoc.pdf>

Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (USIEF)

Remit: To provide opportunities to talented faculty and researchers to strengthen their research capacities.

Applicant eligibility: Indian citizen residing in India at the time of application with high level of academic/professional achievement. 0-4 years post-Ph.D. degree experience (Ph.D. awarded between July 15, 2012 and July 14, 2016).

Budget: Round-trip economy class air travel between India and the U.S., a monthly stipend, Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges per U.S. Government guidelines, a modest settling-in allowance, and a professional allowance

Duration: 8-24 Months

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Weblink: <http://www.usief.org.in/Fulbright-Nehru-Postdoctoral-Research-Fellowship.aspx>

Travel

Company of biologists

Remit: Travel grant for graduate students and post-doctoral researchers who wish to make collaborative visits to other laboratories.

Applicant eligibility: The applicant should be working in the field of the journal (*Development*, *Journal of Cell Science*, *The Journal of Experimental Biology*, and *Disease Models & Mechanisms*)

Budget: Up to £2,500

Agency deadline: 31 July 2016, 30 November 2016

Weblink: <http://www.biologists.com/fellowships.html>

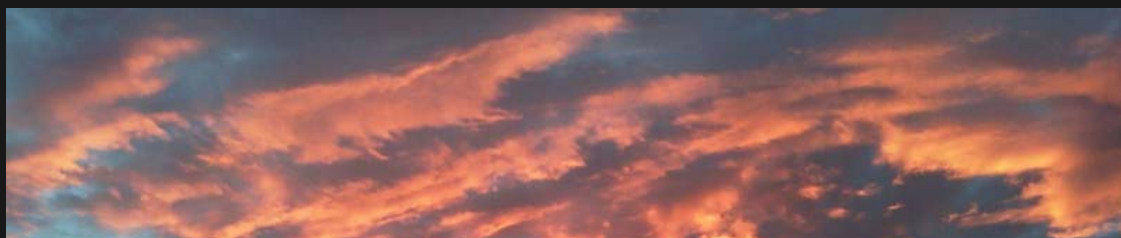


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