

Various schemes

The Research Development Office has developed a database of currently available funding opportunities primarily for Indian researchers. This database is constantly being updated. Although most of the available funding comes from the Government of India, there are many other opportunities from India and overseas that can be applied for.

Click [here](#) to download the Excel format of database with more details. The filter tool can then be used to search against various categories.

This information was last updated on 20-Dec-2018.

Personal Support (Tenable in India)

Agency	Scheme	Eligibility	Deadline	Duration
British Petroleum (BP)/Bird life International/ Conservation International/Fauna and Flora international/ Wildlife conservation society	<u>Conservation Leadership Programme (CLP)- Kate Stokes Memorial Award</u>	Team based projects for individuals from developing countries who are early in their conservation career and demonstrate leadership potential	To be announced	Upto 3 years
DBT	<u>Tata Innovation</u>	Age less than 60 years. employment at a research	To be	3 years with possibility of

	<u>Fellowship</u>	institute.	announced	2 year extension
DBT	<u>Ramalingaswamy Re-entry Fellowship</u>	Age less than 55 years. At least 3 years of post-doctoral research experience with last two years from an overseas laboratory.	31-Jan-2019	5 years
DST-SERB	<u>Ramanujan Fellowship</u>	PhD/MD with excellent proven track-record. Age less than 55 years.	Rolling programme	5 years
DST-SERB	<u>J C Bose national Fellowships</u>	PhD, less than 68 years. Needs to be nominated by the institute	Rolling programme	5 years
DST	<u>Swarnajayanti Fellowships</u>	PhD, Age 30-40 years	To be announced (April)	5 years
International Brain Research Organisation (IBRO)	<u>Return home Fellowship</u>	Scientists who are developing a successful basic/clinical research career in a developed country and wish to return to their country of origin or to a less developed country	1 September	

Lady Tata Memorial Trust	<u>Young Researcher Award</u>	Strong scientific leadership with more than 10 years experience running an independent lab	15-Jan-2018	3+2 years based on review of progress
SERB	<u>Core Research Grant (CRG)</u>	To support scientists for undertaking research in frontier areas of S&T in Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences & Mathematical Sciences	31-March-2019	3 years
SERB	<u>Early Career Research Award (SERB)</u>	To support excellent scientists who wish to undertake high-quality research and to establish themselves as independent researchers in an academic institution in India.	To be announced	3 years
Wellcome Trust-DBT India Alliance	<u>Margdarshi Fellowship</u>	Strong scientific leadership with more than 10 years experience running an independent lab	To be announced	5 years
Wellcome Trust-DBT India Alliance	<u>Intermediate Research Fellowship</u>	4-7 years PD experience	To be Launched on 22nd Jan, 2019	5 years

Wellcome Trust-DBT India Alliance	<u>Senior Research Fellowship</u>	7-15 years PD experience	To be Launched on 22nd Jan, 2019	5 years
Wellcome Trust-DBT India Alliance	<u>Intermediate Fellowships for Clinicians and Public Health Researchers in India</u>	4-7 years of post-MD/post-MS/post-MPH/post-PhD or equivalent research experience	To be launched on 16th Jan, 2019	5 years
Wellcome Trust-DBT India Alliance	<u>Senior Fellowships for Clinicians and Public Health Researchers in India</u>	7-15 years of post-MD/post-MS/post-MPH/post-PhD or equivalent clinical research experience	To be launched on 16th Jan, 2019	5 years

Personal Support (tenable abroad)

Agency	Scheme	Eligibility	Deadline	Duration
Alexander Humboldt Foundation	<u>Fellowship for experienced researchers (Germany)</u>	Independent PI (Assistant Professor/ Junior Research GL) with < 12 years experience	Rolling programme	6-18 months, can be divided into 3 blocks of minimum 3 months each in 3 years.
Alexander Humboldt Foundation	<u>International Climate protection Fellowships (Germany)</u>	Min Master's level education, first degree less than 12 years ago, practical experience in climate protection/ nature conservation, with leadership potential	1-March-2019	1 year
American Cancer Society	<u>International Fellowships for Beginning Investigators (ACSBI, USA)</u>	Beginner Independent investigator or clinician	To be announced	6-12 months

Indo-US Science and Technology Forum	<u>ASM-IUSSTF Indo-US Professorship in Microbiology</u>	Microbiologists with significant experience in research or teaching in the field, who have obtained a Phd within past 10 years	15 December each year	short term
Union for international cancer control (UICC)	<u>Yamagiwa-Yoshida Memorial international study grants (any country overseas)</u>	PhD/MD with min 2 years postdoc experience	To be announced (March)	3 months
US-India Educational Foundation	<u>Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships</u>	Indian faculty/researchers with at least 5 years teaching experience, preferably below 50 years of age	To be announced	4-9 months

Research Grants

Agency	Scheme	Eligibility	Deadline	Duration
British Petroleum (BP)/Bird life International/Conservation International/Fauna and Flora international/Wildlife conservation society	<u>Conservation Leadership Programme (CLP)- Conservation Follow-up Awards</u>	Minimum team of three with at least 50% involved in previous CLP project and additional new team members with no more than 5 years of paid experience in the conservation sector	To be announced in September	Upto 2 years
CSIR	<u>CSIR research Grant</u>	PhD, regular appointment in a research institute	Rolling Programme	3 years
DBT	<u>Project grant</u>	PhD, regular appointment in a research institute	Rolling Programme	3-5 years
DBT	<u>Small Business Innovation Research Initiative (SBIRI)</u>	Public-Private Partnership Programme of DBT supports research initiatives of Indian Biotech Industry solely or in collaboration with academic partners. Operated through BIRAC	To be announced	

DBT	<u>BioCAre Research Grant opportunity (RGO)</u>	PhD (age limit 55 years) Women Scientists who are employed or unemployed or are desirous of coming back after a break.	To be announced	3+2 years
DBT	<u>Accelerated Translational Grant for Commercialization (ATGC)</u>	The primary applicant should be the Project Coordinator with established proof-of-concept ready for validation with proven expertise in the proposed area, demonstrated through publications/patents and earlier executed research projects.	31-Dec-2019	18-24 months
DST (SERB)	<u>Core Research Grant (CRG)</u>	PhD, regular appointment in a research institute	31-March-2019	3 years
DST(SERB)	<u>Early career research award</u>	PhD, must hold a regular academic/research position in a recognized academic institution/ or national laboratories or any other recognized R&D institutions and must apply not later than the first two years of their regular service	To be announced	3 years
DST (SERB)	<u>High risk high reward research</u>	The applicant(s) must hold a regular academic/research position in a recognized institution	Call is now open	3 years (extendable to 5 years)

DST (SERB)	<u>Industry Relevant R&D</u>	The academic partner must hold a regular academic/research position in an academic institution. All industries (including MSME & industrial R&D Centres) are eligible.	Rolling programme	3 years
DST	<u>Woman Scientist scheme (WOS-A)</u>	for unemployed women scientists	Rolling programme	3 years
DST	<u>Woman Scientist scheme (WOS-B)</u>	For unemployed women scientists whose age limit is below 57 years	To be announced	2 years
DST	<u>Cognitive Science Research Initiative</u>	Scientists/academicians should have a research background in Cognitive Science and hold a regular position	To be announced (June)	3 years
DST	<u>Nano Mission</u>	For research in the field of Nano science and technology, online application	Rolling programme	3 years
DFG – German Research Foundation	<u>Temporary Position for P.I.</u>	Any researcher with Ph.D	Rolling programme	3 years
EARTHWATCH Institute US/International	<u>Research Grants</u>	Advanced scholars and professionals of any nationality, covering any geographic region. EARTHWATCH supports doctoral and post-doctoral researchers, or researchers	18 Months prior to research	Grants renewed annually,

		with equivalent scholarship or commensurate life experience	initiation	long-term research projects are encouraged. Principal investigators to indicate their projected research term.
Gates	<u>Grand Challenges Explorations</u>	Pump-priming funding for initial ideas.	To be announced	1-6 years* (with extension)
ICGEB	<u>Collaborative Research Programme</u>	Should hold positions at Universities or Research Institutes in any of the ICGEB Member States.	To be announced (April)	36 months
James McDonnell Foundation (USA)	<u>2016 Scholar Awards in Complex Systems Science</u>	5-15 years post PhD with a regular position in a non-profit research institution. No nationality restrictions	To be announced	3-6 years

Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI)	<u>SFARI Explorer Awards</u>	PhD, MD or equivalent with faculty position in research or educational institute. No citizenship or country requirements	Rolling Program	1 year
USAID/NSF	<u>Partnership for enhanced engagement in Research (PEER)</u>	PIs in developing countries collaborating with a PI in US having a NSF grant active for the duration of the award	To be announced (Jan)	1-3 years
WWF-India	<u>Small Grants Program</u>	for individuals based in India to carry out conservation research or undertake a conservation project	grants are provided twice a year. phase I applications to be submitted by 30 June and Phase II applications by 31-Dec	6-12 months
HHMI/ Gates/ Wellcome Trust/ Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation)	<u>International Research Scholars Program</u>	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.	To be announced	5 Years

Infrastructure Grants

Agency	Scheme	Eligibility	Deadline	Duration
DBT	<u>Creation of Center of excellence and Innovation in Biotechnology (CEIB)</u>	PIs with strong track record, permanent position at a non-profit research institution	To be announced	5 years, (extendable by maximum 5 years)
DST	<u>Fund for improvement of S&T infrastructure (FIST)</u>	All Science Centres having strong postgraduate teaching and research programs which have existed for at least 3 years.	To be announced	5 years

International Collaborations

Agency	Scheme	Eligibility	Deadline	Duration
AISTDF	<u>ASEAN-India collaborative R&D program</u>	Faculty member at eligible Indian/ ASEAN MS universities/ publicly funded research institutes. The total number of participants on each side should not exceed two.	Rolling scheme. Formal processing of the proposals shall start wef 1st Jan, 1 st April, 1 st July, 1 st Oct each year.	24-36 months
BRICS	<u>Coordinated call for BRICS multilateral projects Pilot call 2016</u>	Should consist of partners from at least three of the BRICS countries. All applicants must fulfil their respective national eligibility rules for research grant applications Budget: Research funding and exchange visits	To be announced (Nov)	3 years
DST-CEFIPRA	<u>Industry Academia Research & Development Programme</u>	one industrial partner and one research institutes each from India & France (2+2 Model).	1st Feb & 1st July each year	3 years

DST-CEFIPRA	<u>Collaborative Scientific Research Programme</u>	At least two scientists, one each from India and France as Principal Collaborators. Principal Collaborators and Joint Collaborators should have permanent position in an Indian or French University/R&D Institution.	15 th Jan & 15 th July each year	3 years
DBT/CDTI, Spain	<u>Joint Call For Proposals For Technological Co-Operation In The Field Of Biotechnology</u>	To support collaborative research projects between scientists in Spain and India in all areas of biotechnology e.g. health biotechnology, industrial biotechnology, nano-biotechnology, agro-biotechnology, biofuels and bioenergy, marine biotechnology, bioinformatics and biomedical engineering	To be announced	4 years
DST/JSPS (Japan)	<u>Indo-Japan Cooperative Science program (IJCSP)</u>	Scientists/ faculty members working in regular capacity in UGC recognized Universities/ Deemed Universities/ Academic Institutes and National Research & Development Laboratories/ Institutes.	To be announced	2 years
DBT-BMBF	<u>Indo-German Joint Call for Proposals in the area of Biotechnology</u>	Scientists/faculty members working in regular capacity in universities, national R&D laboratories/ institutes/universities and private R&D institutes /companies	To be announced	2 years

DST- DeitY	<u>India-UK Collaborative Industrial Research & Development Programme</u>	The Indian Project Lead must be a commercial company. Academic institutions, research hospitals, other R&D institutes can participate in the projects as co-investigators.	To be announced	
DST-RFBR	<u>Indo-Russian Joint Research Call for Proposals</u>	The team leaders must hold a full-time position at a university or research institute in their respective countries.	To be announced	2 years
DST	<u>Indo-Belarus Joint Research Programme</u>	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	To be announced	2 years
Human Frontier in Science Program (HFSP)	<u>Young Investigator's grants</u>	Junior Independent PI, within 5 years of obtaining an independent position	To be announced (March)	3 years
Human Frontier in Science Program (HFSP)	<u>Programme grants</u>	Independent PI	To be announced (March)	3 years
Human Frontiers in	<u>Career</u>	Need to have held one of 2 Feeder Fellowships	To be announced	3 years

Science Program (HFSP)	<u>Development Award</u>			
Indo-US Science and Technology Forum	<u>Indo-US R &D Joint Networked Center</u>	Needs 2 Indian and 2 American scientists from academia and laboratories (both public and non government)	To be announced	2 Years
Indo French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research IFCPAR	<u>Indo-French Collaborative research projects</u>	PhD, permanent appointment in a research institute	To be announced (Jan)	3 years
INNO INDIGO Partnership Programme	<u>Indo-European Innovation Joint Call for proposals in the field of Bioeconomy</u>	Public and/or private entities are eligible according to their respective national/regional regulations. At least three partners of which two partners must be from two different European countries participating in the call, and one from India	To be announced	2-5 years (DBT), 3 years (DST)
National Geographic	<u>Conservation trust</u>	No restriction on educational qualification. applicants must provide a record of prior research or conservation action as it pertains to the proposed project.	at least 8 months prior to anticipated field	1 year

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NSF-SERB		<u>Partnership for International Research & Education (PIRE)</u>	Individual scientists and research groups from academic institutions, research laboratories and non-profit R&D institutions, which are eligible for normal DST/SERB grants.	To be announced	5 years
DBT/DIIS, Australia		<u>Indo-Australian Biotechnology Fund</u>	Applicant should be from Indian not-for-profit research organization/education institution/ public/private research company. Have at least one Australian partner and confirmation from the implementing Australian agency that a corresponding application from that Australian partner has been received.	23-Jan-2019	3 years
DBT/EU,	Europe	<u>H2020 call</u>	To support collaborative research proposals between scientists in India and Europe on projects related to broad thematic areas including Health, biotechnology, food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine, maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy.	The deadlines vary for the different themes. 22nd Jan, 2019 (Biotechnology), 23rd Jan, 2019 (food security,	3-5 years

sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine, maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy);
5th March, 2019 (Biotechnology);
24th April, 2019 (Health)

DBT/DFG, Germany	<u>Funding Opportunities for Indo-German Fundamental Research Projects in the Life Sciences</u>	Applicants must be from Government of India supported or recognised (Public or Private) academia; research organizations and urban or other local bodies.	Proposals accepted any time of the year	3 years
DST/RCN, Norway	<u>Indo-Norway Joint Research Projects in</u>	Applicants must be from Government of India supported or recognised (Public or Private) academia; research organizations and urban or other local bodies.	22-Feb-2019	3 years

S&T

To create single network CRDF consisting of multiple clinical and laboratory research sites and a multidisciplinary team of Indian and U.S. investigators that addresses an array of TB research questions of importance to India in the global context.

DBT/CRDF/NIH

CRDF Global
Request for
Proposals

Applicants must be from Government of India supported or recognised (Public or Private) academia; research organizations and urban or other local bodies.

28-Feb-2019

5 years

International Exchange

Agency	Scheme	Eligibility	Deadline	Duration
BBSRC (UK)	<u>India Partnering Award</u>	Promotes scientific exchange especially of early career scientists between India and UK	To be announced (Nov)	4 years
Cambridge - India	<u>Hameid visiting fellowship</u>	Academics at Indian universities with an existing academic relationship with colleagues at the University of Cambridge or vice versa	Rolling Scheme	1-2 weeks
CEFIPRA-DST	<u>Raman-Charpak Fellowship Program</u>	Students registered for PhD in an Indian/French institution	To be announced (May)	3-6 months
DST/ DAAD (Germany)	<u>DST-DAAD Project based personnel exchange</u>	collaborative travel for upto 4 visits on either side	14-June-2017	2 years

	<u>programme</u>			
DAAD, Germany	<u>Research Stays</u>	University academics and scientists from India on active duty	To be announced	1-3 months
DBT/ MCTI (Brazil)	<u>Indo-Brazil-Joint call for proposals in the field of Biotechnology</u>	Needs Brazilian collaborator, regular position in research institute	To be announced	3 years
DST/BELSPO, Belgium	<u>Call for Proposals: Support of Networking Activities/ Topping-up grant</u>	Academicians who already have an on-going project grant with Belgium collaborator are eligible to participate. Indian scientists, who are presently implementing more than one research project supported from the International Division of the DST are not eligible to apply.	20-May-2017	
INSA	<u>Indo-Australia Early and Mid-Career Researchers (EMCR) Fellowship Programme 2016-2017</u>	PhD (<10 years of post-PhD experience), Indian national, residing in India, holding a regular position in a recognized S&T Institution/University.	To be announced	3-9 months
IUSSTF	<u>Research Internships In Science and Engineering</u>	US/Indian citizens. PhD and Master students currently enrolled at a regionally accredited institution of higher	31- May-2017	3 months

education in U.S.

Matsumae
International
Foundation
(Japan)

MIF Research Fellowship

PhD, permanent appointment in a research institute. Needs to work in Japanese institute.

31-August-
2017

3-6
months

Royal Society,
UK

International Exchange
scheme

Postdoc or holding independent position in research
institute/university

13-June-
2017, 17-
Oct-2017

variable
from
3months,
1 year or 2
years

Organising Meetings/Symposia/Workshops

Agency	Scheme	Eligibility	Deadline	Duration
DBT	<u>Neuroinformatics and Computational Neuroscience Education (INCNE)</u>		Rolling programme, applications reviewed twice a year	
DST	<u>Financial Assistance for organising Conference/Seminar/Symposium/Workshops</u>		3-6 months prior to the event	
CSIR	<u>Financial Assistance for organising Conference/Seminar/Symposium/Workshops</u>		3 months before the event	
Company of Biologists	<u>Scientific Meetings Grant</u>	Organiser must have a PhD and must be in the organising group for the meeting. No nationality or geographic restrictions but preference given to events where organisers have sought maximal feasible	4 Jan, 2019; 25 March, 2019	

Company of Biologists	<u>Small Meetings grant</u>	diversity in speakers in terms of geography, gender and age. Organiser must have a PhD and must be in the organising group for the meeting.	Rolling scheme
Indo-French Centre for the Promotion of Advance Research (IFCPAR)	<u>Grant for organizing Seminars and Workshops</u>	Needs French collaborator	15-Jan and 15-July every year
DST/Royal Society and Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (BIS) UK	<u>India-UK Scientific Seminars</u>	PhD with regular appointment at a research institute in India or UK	To be announced
EMBO	<u>EMBO Courses and Workshops program</u>	Funds conferences, workshops, practical courses and symposia that promote collaborations and exchange in the latest life science advances. Funding priority is given to events held in an EMBC Member	To be announced

		State or cooperating country	
EMBO/Wellcome Trust/DBT India Alliance	<u>India EMBO Symposia</u>	Symposia must take place in India, but scientists from anywhere in the world are eligible to apply, independent of their nationality. India EMBO Symposia must cover frontier, pioneering and interdisciplinary areas of life sciences that are underserved in India, and include speakers with interdisciplinary expertise.	15 Feb 2017 and 15 July 2017
Indo-US Science and Technology Forum	<u>Indo-US Bilateral Workshops/ Symposia/ Conferences</u>	Qualified scientist from all science disciplines working at Indian and American institutions	To be announced
Lady Tata Memorial Trust	<u>Meetings/Symposia/Workshops in the area of medical research</u>		2 months prior to the event
TWAS	<u>International Scientific meetings</u>	Organiser must be developing country	To be announced

Travel

Agency	Scheme	Eligibility	Deadline	Duration
DBT	<u>Travel Support for attending International Conference/ Seminar/ Symposium</u>	PhD, Age less than 50 years	At least 8 weeks prior to travel date	
DBT	<u>CREST Award</u>	Applicant must have a permanent job	To be Announced	1-12 months
DST	<u>International Travel support Scheme</u>	open to all researchers. Senior researchers (> 35 years) cannot apply to Int Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) sponsored events	Rolling programme. App. to reach two months prior to the event	
International Brain Research Organisation (IBRO)	<u>International Travel Grants</u>	For participation in international Neuroscience meetings	To be announced	
ICMR	<u>International Travel by</u>	Biomedical scientists engaged in R&D. Senior Scientist (above 35 yrs of age) are eligible to	6 weeks before the commencement of the	

	<u>Non-ICMR Scientists</u>	apply only to international scientific events which are not sponsored by international Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU).	event
INSA-CSIR- DAE/BRNS- DOS/ISRO	<u>CICS Travel Fellowship Programme</u>	PhD, Indian nationality	committee meets six times/year with specific deadline for each meeting
Ratan Tata Trust and Navajbai Ratan Tata Trust	<u>Education grant- Travel grants</u>	PhD with regular position in research institute, Indian nationality	at least 3-4 months prior to departure. 31-May every year

Entrepreneurship/Technology Development grants

Agency	Scheme	Eligibility	Deadline	Duration
Wellcome Trust (UK)	<u>Affordable Healthcare in India</u>	The PI should be based in India with regular employment in Not-for-profit institutions, governmental or non-governmental organisations and international organisations operating within India.	To be announced	
Wellcome Trust (UK)	<u>Biomedical resource and technology development grants</u>	applicants in the UK who have a track record in obtaining grant funding. Researchers in low- or middle-income countries eligible to apply if they have a track record of Trust funding or can demonstrate a strong track record of independent research accomplishment.	To be announced	upto 5 years

Others

Agency	Scheme	Eligibility	Deadline	Duration
British Ecological Society (BES)	<u>Outreach grant</u>	Individuals or organisations interested in organising public engagement events in ecology. This includes, but is not limited to, members of the BES, researchers, schools, museums, libraries and community groups	To be announced (March)	
BIRAC	<u>Contract research and service scheme to facilitate Academia-Industry Collaboration</u>	One academic (primary applicant) + private company partner	To be announced (March)	
CEFIPRA-BIRAC	<u>Red Biotechnology up to pre-commercialization stage</u>	The proposals must involve at least two French partners (one academia and one industry) and two Indian partners (one academia and one industry)	To be announced	2 years
DBT	<u>BioCAre (Research Grant Opportunity)</u>	PhD (age limit 55 years). Women currently unemployed, temporarily employed or looking for change in career path	To be announced	12 months
DST	<u>Utilisation Of The Scientific Expertise Of Retired</u>	Age upto 67 years		2 years

Scientists(USERS)

Rolex Awards	<u>Young Laureates</u>	Will support projects in the field of science and health, applied technology, exploration and discovery, the environment, and cultural heritage	To be announced	12-18 months
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