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Research Grants/Fellowships

Scheme: ANRF | Advanced Research Grant (ARG)

Scope: The ARG program will be inviting project proposals from investigators to support research in various areas of science and engineering for a period of up to five (5) years, with an enhanced thrust on collaborative research. The ARG Program supports research and development in frontier areas of natural sciences including mathematical sciences; engineering & technology; environmental sciences; earth & atmospheric sciences; and scientific & technological interfaces of humanities & social sciences.

The program solicits proposals in the following broad categories.

- **Fundamental Frontier Research:**
Focuses on projects that address fundamental scientific or technological questions, with the objective of generating new knowledge, robust scientific data, and resolving existing knowledge gaps. These efforts aim to advance current understanding, thereby laying a strong foundation for addressing complex scientific and technological challenges over the long term.
- **Use-Inspired Basic Research:**
Refers to research that seeks to advance fundamental understanding while being motivated by potential practical applications. Such projects aim to address real-world challenges by improving existing technologies, simplifying complex processes, or developing cost-effective solutions over the longer term. While immediate applications may not be evident, these efforts are expected to create pathways for future translational outcomes.
- **Applied/Translational Research:**
Encompasses studies that generate scientific and technological insights with clear plans for application, including the development of prototypes, processes, or systems in the short term. Primarily focuses on evidence-based research and demonstrating technology for real-world applications. Projects are expected to deliver measurable scientific, societal, or economic impact, including contributions to technological self-reliance. This includes industry-relevant and need-based research, with partial collaboration and contribution from industry partners.

Eligibility: Principal Investigator (PI) and Co-Principal Investigator(s) (Co-PI(s)): Indian citizens, Foreign nationals (including OCI and PIO) employed in an eligible institution in India (as a PI with an Indian Co-PI, or as a co-PI with an Indian PI. The applicant(s) (PIs and Co-PIs) must hold a regular academic, research or Professor of Practice position in a recognized academic institution or National Research Laboratory or in any other recognized research organisation in India.

Budget & duration: Funding support of INR 1-5 Crores for a duration of 1-5 years.

Submission Window: 15th May 2026 to 10th June 2026 (pre-proposals). This year this will be 2-stage application, preproposals followed by full application.

Weblink: <https://www.anrfonline.in/ANRF/HomePage>



Scheme: ANRF | ARG MATRICS

Scope of this call: MATRICS is a part of Advanced Research Grant (ARG). It aims to provide fixed grant support to active researchers with strong credentials in Mathematical Sciences, Theoretical Sciences, and Quantitative Social Sciences.

Eligibility: The applicant should be an active researcher in the field of (i) Mathematical Sciences and allied areas; (ii) Science and Engineering (excluding mathematical sciences) or (iii) Social Sciences involving quantitative analysis using mathematical, statistical and computational techniques.

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Applications for MATRICS may be made to the relevant Verticals. Co-PIs are not allowed in the MATRICS program

Budget & Duration: Research grant of Rs. 5 lakhs per annum plus overheads for a period of up to five years; out of which a maximum of Rs. 5 lakhs in total may be used for international travel.

Submission Window: 15th May 2026 to 10th June 2026

Weblink: <https://www.anrfonline.in/ANRF/HomePage>



Scheme: DBT–Wellcome Trust India Alliance | Multi-Institutional Collaborative Grant (MCG)

Details: The Multi-Institutional Collaborative Grant (MCG) supports integrated, interdisciplinary research programmes that address complex biomedical questions through cohesive and synergistic collaborations across institutions. This scheme is designed for large-scale, team-based research, where interdependent objectives pursued collaboratively deliver outcomes greater than the sum of individual efforts.

Scope of the Call: The programme supports innovative and high-impact research in biomedical sciences, including: Foundational/basic research and translational research (including advanced stages of development) Projects must address significant research gaps or global challenges, demonstrate strong scientific rationale and innovation, show clear integration across objectives and teams, be built on a unifying research goal

- Interdisciplinary research integrating multiple domains
- Multi-institutional collaboration (3–5 institutions)
- Synergistic team science approach
- May include technology development only as part of a broader scientific objective

Not supported: Infrastructure development, standalone technology development, creation of community resources, regulatory clinical trials (except academic trials) and public health proposals without a defined cohort

Eligible Team Composition: 3–5 investigators from at least 3 institutions and maximum 2 investigators per institution (for larger teams) **Lead Principal Investigator (PI)** must: Have ≥5 years of experience leading an independent research group, have prior experience in collaborative programmes, hold a salaried academic/research position in India and Commit to the project for the full duration (5 years), **Team Principal Investigators (Team PIs):** Have ≥3 years of independent research experience May be based in India or overseas (not-for-profit institutions), **All investigators** must: hold a PhD, MD/MS, MPH, or equivalent and should have a strong research track record

Duration & Budget: Maximum funding of **INR 10.0 Crore** is allowed for duration of **5 years**.

Submission Window: 1st April 2026 to 15th May 2026

Weblink: [https://dbtindiaalliancenesw.s3.ap-south-](https://dbtindiaalliancenesw.s3.ap-south-1.amazonaws.com/phbjfipzbtqbucf1773120126795/Multi-Institutional-Collaborative-Grant-Guidelines.pdf)

[1.amazonaws.com/phbjfipzbtqbucf1773120126795/Multi-Institutional-Collaborative-Grant-Guidelines.pdf](https://dbtindiaalliancenesw.s3.ap-south-1.amazonaws.com/phbjfipzbtqbucf1773120126795/Multi-Institutional-Collaborative-Grant-Guidelines.pdf)

Online application forms will be available only from the date of launch on the application portal:

<https://grants.indiaalliance.org/login.aspx>



Scheme: DBT–Wellcome Trust India Alliance | Catalytic Collaborative Grant (CCG)

Details: The Catalytic Collaborative Grant (CCG) supports established researchers in India to pursue new and ambitious research directions that are firmly rooted in their existing body of work.

The scheme encourages focused, high-value collaborations that leverage complementary expertise to expand the scope, ambition, and methodological depth of ongoing research programmes. It is

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designed to act as a stepping stone towards larger collaborative grants by enabling the generation of strong preliminary data and novel insights.

Scope of the Call: The programme supports innovative biomedical research across basic, clinical, and public health domains. Proposals must be grounded in the investigator's prior research track record, demonstrate a clear and compelling new research direction, show strong scientific rationale, feasibility, and innovation and highlight the added value of collaboration beyond individual capabilities

Key features include:

- Focused collaboration with 1-2 Co-Investigators
- Emphasis on complementary expertise and defined roles
- Generation of preliminary data and conceptual breakthroughs
- Strengthening of scientific leadership and collaborative capacity

Not Supported: Infrastructure development, creation or maintenance of community resources, standalone technology development (unless part of a broader objective), regulatory clinical trials (except academic trials)

Eligible Team Composition: One Principal Investigator (PI) with up to two Co-Investigators

- Duration & Budget: Maximum funding: INR 4 Crore (inclusive of overheads) for 3 years

Submission Window: 16th March 2026 to 18th May 2026

Weblink: https://dbtindiaalliancenew.s3.ap-south-1.amazonaws.com/kakzhutgnsdwysk1773120339672/Catalytic-Collaborative-Grant_Guidelines.pdf

Online application forms will be available at: <https://grants.indiaalliance.org/login.aspx>



Scheme: ANRF MAHA Leapfrog Demonstrators for Societal Innovation in India

Overview: The ANRF MAHA Leapfrog Demonstrators for Societal Innovation in India program aims to catalyse bold, integrated, and scalable solutions to India's most pressing societal challenges through research and innovation. The program supports "**Leapfrog Demonstrators**"-large-scale, research-driven projects that validate transformative solutions beyond laboratory settings and demonstrate real-world impact with a clear pathway to national scale. These demonstrators are expected to accelerate the transition of innovations from development to high-impact deployment, addressing India-centric challenges while remaining globally competitive.

Scope of the Call: Proposals must clearly demonstrate:

- A **transformational (not incremental) approach** to solving critical societal challenges.
- A well-defined **AS-IS vs TO-BE scenario** highlighting the scale and urgency of the problem.
- Development of a **Leapfrog Demonstrator** that validates key technical, economic, and/or socio-technical hypotheses.
- **Real-world validation** beyond lab-scale, including usability, adoption, and performance across stakeholders.
- A credible **pathway to scale**, including deployment mechanisms, regulatory considerations, and stakeholder adoption.
- Evidence of **economic viability** and sustainability at scale.

Thematic Areas: Agriculture resilience and sustainability, Energy efficiency, Transportation and safety, Air, water, and industrial pollution, Waste-to-wealth, Smart infrastructure, Biodiversity and sustainability, Community health, Skilling and jobs, Economic inclusion and financial access and AI-enabled digital literacy

Budget & Duration:

Large Projects Total Budget: ₹25 Crores to ₹100+ Crores with ANRF Support: Up to ₹50 Crores

Medium Projects Total Budget: ₹10 Crores to ₹25 Crores with ANRF Support: Up to ₹12.5 Crores

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

Duration: Up to 60 months and lead Institution will manage and disburse funds to partners

Deadline: 1st June 2026 (4:58 PM)

Weblink: <https://www.anrfonline.in/ANRF/HomePage>



Scheme: DBT/BIRAC | Joint Call for Proposals on ‘Bio AI’ for Fostering High Performance Biomanufacturing under BioE3 Policy

Scope of this call: The Bio-AI Hubs will focus on interdisciplinary and interinstitutional collaborations. These Hubs will be anchored by organizations (academia/industry) with established expertise in AI/ML, supported by robust infrastructure and advanced computational methodologies. Startup/SMEs and other academic institutions can participate as spokes, contributing to the hub's research and innovation ecosystem. Bio-AI Hubs are expected to develop AI-guided closed loop platforms, in which predictions, experiments and analyses are integrated into the system to improve performance. All of these would be connected in a positive feedback loop leading to accelerate scientific discoveries, optimize processes and decision-making. The Bio-AI call invites problem statements and research solutions in **Biomolecular Design, Sustainable Agriculture, Synthetic Biology, Ayurveda and Genomics Diagnostics** to be addressed by multi-disciplinary teams with research expertise across synthetic biology, AI/ML, computation.

Eligibility: Academic from various Institutions/Universities/Societies/Trusts/NGOs/Foundations/Voluntary Organizations, recognized as a Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (SIRO). Companies established under the Companies Act 2013 and Startups. The Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) incorporated under the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008.

Budget & Duration: INR 25 Crore maximum for a duration of 2 years

Submission deadline: 30th June 2026

Weblink: https://birac.nic.in/cfp_view.php?id=114&scheme_type=46

https://dbtindia.gov.in/sites/default/files/BioAI%20LOI%20Call_RFP_0.pdf



Scheme: ICMR | Multistate Implementation Research Study on Palliative Care

Scope of the Call: The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) for a multistate implementation research study aimed at improving the coverage of high-quality palliative care interventions in India.

Palliative care remains a critical gap in India's healthcare system, with less than 1% of those in need receiving appropriate services despite a significant and growing burden driven by non-communicable diseases, ageing populations, and chronic illnesses. This call seeks to develop scalable, sustainable, and integrated models of palliative care within the public health system. The programme focuses on generating policy-translatable evidence through implementation research to support national-level scale-up. Proposals should address the following:

- Development, implementation, and evaluation of **integrated palliative care models** across healthcare tiers
- Use of **implementation science frameworks** with mixed-method approaches (qualitative and quantitative)
- Strengthening linkages between **community, primary, and tertiary care systems**
- Evaluation of **cost-effectiveness, feasibility, and scalability**
- Enhancing **health workforce capacity** (including ASHA and frontline workers)
- Improving **access, referral pathways, and continuity of care**

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

Proposals must be multidisciplinary, multi-institutional, and outcome-oriented, with strong engagement with state and district health systems.

Budget & Duration: Budget: To be developed with ICMR for shortlisted proposals (indicative heads include staff, consumables, data management, travel, and equipment)

Duration: Up to **3 years** (+ up to 6 months preparatory phase without additional cost)

Submission Deadline: 28th May 2026 (5:00 PM)

Weblink: Application Portal: <https://epms.icmr.org.in>

Indo-International Grants

Scheme: IGSTC 2+2 Call 2026, 1st Stage Call

Details: The Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC) supports its “2+2 Project” scheme to catalyse innovation-centric R&D projects by synergising the strength of research/academic institute and public/private industry from India and Germany. The 2+2 Project invites Call for proposals to support joint R&D&I projects of industrial relevance by means of “2+2 partnership”. IGSTC denotes “Call” by the year in which applications have been invited. The project proposal should be at least at Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 3 and shall reach TRL 6 or beyond at the end of the project duration. The project proposal is expected to produce insight and exploitable research results leading to new technologies, products and/or services.

All Calls are based on thematic areas, mutually relevant and decided by both the countries (particularly DST and BMFTR) and thematic areas are furthermore classified in the subtopics. The duration of IGSTC 2+2 projects will be three years with possible extension without any additional financial support up to maximum one year based on the work carried out towards probable targets and outcomes of the project. 2+2 project proposals led by industry partner(s) of either nation will be given preference

Scope of the call: IGSTC invites First Stage Proposals for joint R&D&I projects of industrial relevance in 2+2 Mode of Partnership in the thematic area “**Economic and Sustainable Solutions**” with the following subtopics:

- Mobile health & Telemedicine
- Integrated Water Resource Management

Budget: Funding under a 2+2 project is in the form of Grant-in-aid to both Indian and German Project Partners. The maximum funding to German partners is amounting to Euro 500.000 and **Indian partners limited to Rs. 350 lakhs** per project for a period of three years. The financial support to the Indian Project Partners has been fixed as:

Academic/research partner: 100% in the form of Grant-in-aid.

Industry partner: Up to maximum Rs. 150 lakhs Grant-in-aid support subject to matching contribution from its own resources (inclusive of resources in cash and kind).

Submission deadline: 31st May 2026

Weblink: To apply go to the applicant portal (indogermansciencetechnologycentre.my.salesforce-sites.com/ApplicantDashboard), register and choose “2+2 Project” programme <https://indogermansciencetechnologycentre.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/#5j00000AduBP/a/e200000Lj8Gi/IQcEjbIh7eh70BlmVc3VYvE9Z6IvW9AwZK5UyE2MBP0>



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Scheme: DST | India–Austria Science & Technology Cooperation Call 2026

Details: The Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, and the Federal Ministry of Women, Science and Research, Austria invite proposals for joint research projects to strengthen bilateral scientific collaboration between Indian and Austrian researchers. The programme aims to support high-quality basic and applied research through mobility-driven cooperation, enabling exchange visits, knowledge sharing, and long-term partnerships between institutions in both countries. Proposals must be jointly developed and submitted by Indian and Austrian Principal Investigators.

Scope of the Call: Thematic areas under this call include:

- Digital Research Infrastructures, Research Data Management, Trusted Dataspace
- Astronomy, Astrophysics, Astro-particle Physics, Particle Physics
- Quantum Science and Technology
- Environmental and Earth System Sciences
- Life Sciences and Biotechnology

Budget: Funding is primarily provided for **mobility of researchers** between India and Austria.

- **Indian Side:**

- Maximum funding: ₹15 lakhs per project (2 years)
- Supports: international travel, accommodation/per diem (as per norms), and limited consumables (up to ₹1.5 lakhs)
- Note: No support for manpower, equipment, or institutional overheads

- **Austrian Side:**

- Maximum funding: €15,000 per project (2 years)
- Covers: travel, accommodation, per diem, and limited project-related material costs

Project Duration: 2 years (research visits between both countries are mandatory)

Submission Process: Indian applicants must submit proposals through the DST e-PMS portal ([e-PMS Department of Science and Technology Home Page](#)). Applications must be submitted in both countries for consideration

Submission Deadline: 5th June 2026 (11:59 PM IST)

Weblink: <https://onlinedst.gov.in/Projectproposalformat.aspx?Id=2175>

International Grants

Scheme: Velux Stiftung | Daylight Research Call for Proposals 2026

Details: The Daylight Research Call supports innovative and interdisciplinary research projects with natural daylight at the core of both the research question and research design. The programme aims to unlock the full potential of daylight as a critical resource for human, environmental, and societal well-being. The call emphasises high-impact, “outside-the-box” research that addresses neglected yet important challenges through cross-disciplinary collaboration, particularly between fields that do not traditionally interact.

Scope of the Call: Applications must align with at least one of the following thematic areas:

- **Future solar societies:** Exploring daylight as a driver for systemic transformation toward sustainable, solar-based systems
- **Daylight and global health:** Investigating the role of daylight in improving human, animal, and ecosystem health
- **Daylight and urbanisation:** Developing strategies to ensure adequate daylight access in increasingly dense urban environments

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

Projects should demonstrate strong innovation, interdisciplinarity, feasibility, and a clear pathway to impact beyond academia. Proposals where daylight is only a secondary component or replaced by artificial light are not eligible.

Eligibility: Open to researchers and research teams globally (subject to Velux Stiftung eligibility criteria). Projects must adopt an interdisciplinary approach, ideally combining disciplines that rarely collaborate. Applicants should demonstrate the ability to translate research into real-world impact

Duration & Budget:

1. Seed Projects (Feasibility/Proof-of-Concept):

Duration: Up to 1 year

Funding: CHF 50,000 – CHF 100,000

Focus: High-risk, exploratory, and innovative ideas generating preliminary data

2. Research Projects (Full-scale Projects):

Duration: Up to 4 years

Funding: CHF 100,000 – CHF 300,000

Submission Deadline: 04 June 2026 (23:59 CEST)

Weblink: <https://veluxstiftung.ch>

<https://veluxstiftung.ch/wp-content/uploads/Daylight-Call-for-proposals.pdf>

Travel Fellowships

Scheme: DHR | Short-Term Fellowship Abroad (STFA)

Scope of the Call: The Department of Health Research (DHR), Government of India, offers the Short-Term Fellowship Abroad (STFA) to support Indian researchers and faculty in acquiring specialized training in niche areas of biomedical research and technology at reputed international institutions. The fellowship aims to enhance research capacity and technical expertise by enabling exposure to advanced methodologies, global best practices, and cutting-edge technologies. It is particularly designed to strengthen the capabilities of Indian researchers and facilitate the translation of knowledge into improved healthcare outcomes and research excellence in India.

Eligibility: Indian citizens working in recognized academic/research institutions in India with MBBS/BDS/MVSc/MSc/MPharma/MTech (or equivalent) with PhD in biomedical/health research. Minimum 3 years of teaching/research experience after required qualification and should not have availed a similar Government fellowship in the last 3 years

Age Limit: Below 57 years

Duration: 15 days to 3 months

Financial Support: USD 3000 per month (including accommodation and living expenses) with return economy class airfare (as per GoI norms). Contingency support: Up to INR 75,000 (visa, travel, local expenses) and up to INR 20,000 (overseas medical insurance)

Submission Process: Applications must include a training proposal, host institute acceptance letter, and institutional endorsement, and should be submitted as per DHR guidelines at:

https://intfel.icmr.org.in/ihd/Login_Form.aspx



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

Scheme: DHR | Long-Term Fellowship Abroad (LTFA)

Scope of the Call: The Department of Health Research (DHR), Government of India, offers the Long-Term Fellowship Abroad (LTFA) to support Indian faculty in gaining advanced training at leading international institutions in the field of biomedical and health research.

The programme supports:

- Long-term specialized training in biomedical and health research domains
- Capacity building of early- to mid-career faculty members
- Exposure to advanced research infrastructure and global collaborations
- Strengthening translational research and knowledge transfer to Indian institutions

Eligibility: Indian citizens working in recognized academic/research institutions in India with MBBS/BDS/MVSc/MSc/MPharma/MTech (or equivalent) with PhD in biomedical/health research. Minimum 3 years of teaching/research experience after required qualification and should not have availed a similar Government fellowship in the last 3 years

Age Limit: Below 45 years

Duration: 6 to 12 months

Financial Support: USD 3000 per month (including accommodation and living expenses) with return economy class airfare (as per GoI norms). Contingency support: Up to INR 75,000 (visa, travel, local expenses) and up to INR 20,000 (overseas medical insurance)

Submission Process: Applications must include a training proposal, host institute acceptance letter, and institutional endorsement, and should be submitted as per DHR guidelines at https://intfel.icmr.org.in/ihd/Login_Form.aspx

**Scheme: EMBO – Scientific Exchange Grants**

Details: This program funds research exchanges between laboratories in EMBC Member States, EMBC/EMBO global partners (Chile, India, Singapore, Taiwan). The grants facilitate collaborations with research groups with expertise, techniques, or infrastructure that is unavailable in the applicant's laboratory.

Budget: It contribute towards travel costs and subsistence of the fellow but not of any dependents. (The duration of the project is up to 3 months)

Submission deadline: Application is accepted throughout the year. However, it is recommended to apply three months before the proposed starting date.

Weblink: <https://www.embo.org/funding/fellowships-grants-and-career-support/scientific-exchange-grants/>

Other Funding Schemes

Scheme: Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) International Fellowships for Research in Japan

Scope of the Call: The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) International Fellowships aim to promote international scientific collaboration by providing opportunities for researchers from across the world to conduct research in Japan in partnership with leading Japanese institutions. The program supports collaborative research, academic exchange, and capacity building across all disciplines, including: Natural sciences, Engineering and technology, Life sciences and Humanities and social sciences

JSPS offers multiple fellowship categories to suit different career stages and engagement types:

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- **Postdoctoral Fellowships (Short-term [PE])** – Short-term research opportunities (1–12 months)
- **Invitational Fellowships (Short-term [S])** – For short academic visits, lectures, and discussions (14–60 days)

Eligibility: Applications must be submitted by a **host researcher in Japan** affiliated with an eligible institution. Candidates must be **international researchers** (non-Japanese, with some exceptions)

Postdoctoral Fellowships: PhD obtained within the last ~6 years (for Standard fellowship)

Invitational Fellowships: Established researchers with significant research achievements

Host institutions must provide adequate research infrastructure and support

Additional conditions include: Prior collaboration or established contact between host and candidate

Compliance with research ethics, integrity, and institutional regulations

Budget & Duration:

- Postdoctoral Fellowship (Short-term): Duration: 1–12 months
Monthly stipend: ~JPY 200,000–362,000

- Invitational Fellowship (Short-term): Duration: 14–60 days
Daily allowance: ~JPY 18,000, Additional research support

Submission Window: June 5, 2026 (JST) 5 pm for short-term fellowship

Weblink: <https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/>

[https://www.jsps.go.jp/file/storage/j-fellow/j-](https://www.jsps.go.jp/file/storage/j-fellow/j-fellow_14/application_requirements/2026/2026_applicationguideline_e.pdf)

[fellow_14/application_requirements/2026/2026_applicationguideline_e.pdf](https://www.jsps.go.jp/file/storage/j-fellow/j-fellow_14/application_requirements/2026/2026_applicationguideline_e.pdf)

Grant Management System-Fibi

To facilitate a smooth grant submission process, applications to RDO will now only be routed through the new **Grant Management System-Fibi**. The Fibi portal can be accessed with the link - <https://fibi.ncbs.res.in/fibi> using the NCBS email login credentials. Please choose the relevant "**Grant call** " under the "Grant call" module to initiate the submission to RDO.

If you face any difficulty or need guidance, please don't hesitate to contact the RDO team at rdo@ncbs.res.in

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Schemes Open Throughout Year

Scheme	Area	Weblink
(National) Research Grants/Fellowships		
The Habitats Trust – THT Seed Grant	To fill an urgent and critical gap in conservation action, focussing mostly on lesser-known species and critical habitat	https://www.thehabitatstrust.org/tht-seed-grant.php
Ministry of Food Processing Industries – Application for Research & Development	To undertake demand driven R&D work for the benefit food processing industry in terms of product and process development, efficient technologies, improved packaging, value addition etc. with commercial value along with standardization of various factors viz. additives, colouring agents, preservatives, pesticide residues, chemical contaminants, microbiological contaminants and naturally occurring toxic substances within permissible limits.	https://www.mofpi.gov.in/Schemes/human-resources-and-institutions/research-development-food-processing-sector
DST – Abdul Kalam Technology Innovation National Fellowship	Fellowships to outstanding engineers to recognize, encourage and support translational research by individuals to achieve excellence in engineering, innovation and technology development	https://dst.gov.in/sites/default/files/Guidelines%20for%20Abdul%20KalamTechnology%20Innovation%20National%20Fellowship.pdf
BIRAC-Early Translation Accelerator (ETA)	Catalyzing transformation of young academic discoveries (publications/patents) with possible commercial and societal impact into economically viable ventures and technologies	https://www.birac.nic.in/cfp_view.php?id=81&scheme_type=14
DST – Innovation & STEM Demonstration	To consider and recommend new proposals and communication initiatives in Innovation and STEM	https://dst.gov.in/sites/default/files/stem.pdf
DST – Women In Science and Engineering (WISE) - Societal Challenges with Opportunities (SCOPE) Fellowship Program	To provide opportunity to Women Scientists and Technologists who have completed Ph.D. and want to utilize their S&T knowledge and expertise for the benefit of society	https://dst.gov.in/callforproposals/call-proposals-under-wise-scope-fellowship
(International) Research Grants/Fellowships		
Humboldt Research Fellowship	Own research topic in collaboration with a German host researcher	https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/humboldt-research-fellowship#h1268

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Humboldt Research Fellowship for postdocs and experienced researchers	Researchers from abroad to spend extended periods of research in Germany. Scientists and postdocs from all disciplines and countries may apply	https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/humboldt-research-fellowship#h1268
Waitt Foundation – Rapid Ocean-Conservation Grants	ROC Grants provide small grants with a quick turnaround time for solutions to emerging conservation issues and ocean protection in support of island nations	https://www.waittfoundation.org/roc-grants
Amphibian Survival Alliance - Emergency Grants Program	To provide rapid financial support for on-the-ground conservation efforts for the survival of amphibian species or populations	https://www.amphibians.org/w hat-we-do/funding/emergency-grants-program/
Amphibian Survival Alliance – Disease Mitigation Grants	To support projects that aim to develop effective strategies against amphibian diseases	https://www.amphibians.org/w hat-we-do/funding/asa-disease-mitigation-grants/
Amphibian Survival Alliance – Conservation Start-up Grants Program	To support projects aiming to improve the survival rates of amphibians, particularly those that are globally Threatened or Data Deficient	https://www.amphibians.org/w hat-we-do/funding/conservation-grants/
CEPI- Innovations Cfp_Focus Area 2: Vaccine candidates for priority pathogens and viral families	Broad range of vaccine innovations for pathogens with Epidemic or pandemic potential	https://cepi.my.site.com/call-for-proposal?id=a1zP3000001Dz3VIAS
Collaborative/ Exchange Research Grants/Fellowships		
DST – ASEAN-India Science & Technology Cooperation program	To support collaborative Research & Development related to AI & HPC Marine Science and Technology Materials Science	http://aistic.gov.in/ASEAN/aistdfCollaborative
DST – ASEAN-India Research Training Fellowships	To promote mobility of scientists and researchers from the ASEAN-Member Countries to India and provide them opportunity to work at Indian R&D/ academic institutions to upgrade their research skills and expertise	http://aistic.gov.in/ASEAN/aistdfFellowship
DST – Technologies /Innovation/ Idea for support under ASEAN-India S&T Development Fund	Projects leading to Inclusive Innovation	https://aistic.gov.in/ASEAN/aistdfInnovatPltm
IGSTC- Small Immediate Need Grants	Innovation, applied research, technology development, and entrepreneurship with a focus on Indo-German industrial R&D	https://www.igstc.org/home/sing
Organizing Workshop/Meeting Grants		
DHR – Workshops Funding Grant in Biomedical Research	Support will be provided to scientific/professionals/association bodies engaged in the field of medical research for undertaking various activities/events	https://schemes.dhr.gov.in/statisticsweb/pdf/DHR/Downloads/H RD/amended%20HRD%20Guidelines%20merged.pdf

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ANRF Seminar/Symposia Grants	All STEM areas	https://anrfonline.in/ANRF/seminar_symposia
Indo-German Bilateral Workshops	Proposals for organising Indo-German workshops on areas of mutual interest with an aim towards creating platforms for substantive interactions between scientists / researchers from academia and industry	https://www.igstc.org/home/open_call
Travel		
DHR – International Travel Grant Support for Non-DHR/ICMR Scientists & Researchers	Support will be provided to scientific/professionals/association bodies engaged in the field of medical research for undertaking various activities/events.	https://schemes.dhr.gov.in/statisticsweb/pdf/DHR/Downloads/HRD/amended%20HRD%20Guidelines%20merged.pdf
ANRF International Travel Support (ITS)	All STEM areas	https://anrfonline.in/ANRF/its
The Company of Biologists – Travelling Fellowships	Travelling Fellowships of up to £3,000 to graduate students and post-doctoral researchers wishing to make collaborative visits to other laboratories. These are designed to offset the cost of travel/accommodation and other related expenses	https://www.biologists.com/grants/travelling-fellowships/
CSIR – Travel Grant Scheme	Scheme is aimed at providing financial assistance to Young Indian Researchers (Ph.D. Students, Research Associates, resident Doctors, etc.) and Emeritus Scientists / other non-regular researchers for participation / presenting their research papers in international Scientific Events such as conferences/ Seminars/ Symposia/ Workshops/ Short-term School/ courses/ training programs	https://csirhrdg.res.in/Home/Index/1/InPage/51/14
Others		
EMBO – Women in Science Lectures	Funding to cover travel and accommodation costs of the speaker	https://www.embo.org/funding/lecture-travel-and-childcare-grants/women-in-science-lectures/
Department of Scientific & Industrial Research – Technology Development and Utilization Programme for Women	The program is aimed to meet specific needs of women and to enhance their contribution towards technology capability building	https://www.dsir.gov.in/technology-development-and-utilization-programme-women-tdupw
BIRAC – Product Commercialization Program Fund	To hasten the market launching and large-scale commercialization process of BIRAC supported products/ technologies from Start-ups having high commercial potential or societal impact by providing financial assistance by way of Grant-in-Aid assistance	https://www.birac.nic.in/cfp_view.php?id=39&scheme_type=29

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

RDO Welcomes New Member



Chaithanya S. Tegalapalli
Grants Officer (Post-Award)

Chaithanya S. Tegalapalli has joined the RDO as Grants Officer (Post-award), supporting post-award grant management and ensuring the effective implementation of funded research projects. Her work focuses on financial compliance, grant reporting, liaison with funding agencies and working closely with principal investigators, finance teams, and funding agencies to facilitate timely reporting and maintaining institutional grant management systems.

Prior to joining NCBS, she served as Administrative Officer, R&D, overseeing sponsored projects across major national funding agencies. She has contributed to institutional research analytics aligned with NAAC, NBA, and NIRF frameworks, and has been actively involved in intellectual property awareness and research support initiatives. She is currently pursuing doctoral research in Proteomics at VIT, Vellore, focusing on computational and experimental analysis of biologically active peptide.

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