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Intramural Funding News



Infosys Travel Awards: Revised Guidelines

Who can apply: NCBS students and postdoctoral researchers are eligible to receive Infosys Foundation Travel awards, provided they are nominated by their PI.

Funding Support: The maximum contribution that can be requested via campus Intramural Travel Awards is **Rs 1.5 lakhs (with effect from 1st April, 2026)** for attending conferences or for collaborative visits. There can be multiple nominations from each laboratory, falling within the prescribed cap.

When to apply: Applications to this scheme will be accepted throughout the year.

How to Apply: The application should be submitted to the Academic Office (acadoffice@ncbs.res.in) before 26th of each month and at least 1 month prior from the date of travel. No hardcopies are required. The detailed application requirements can be accessed at: <https://intranet.ncbs.res.in/services/rdo/intramural>

HS Gupta and Asha Gupta Research Travel Fellowships (CALIBRE)

Who can apply: Faculty, Graduate students, and Post-doctoral fellows at NCBS

Funding Support: The maximum contribution that can be requested under this scheme is **Rs 2.5 lakhs** for attending conferences or for collaborative visits.

When to apply: Applications to this scheme will be accepted throughout the year.

How to Apply: The application should be submitted to the Academic Office (acadoffice@ncbs.res.in) before 26th of each month and at least 90 days month prior from the date of event. Applicants who have already availed the Infosys Foundation Intramural Travel Award during the current financial year are not eligible to apply under this scheme

No hardcopies are required. The detailed application requirements can be accessed at: <https://intranet.ncbs.res.in/services/rdo/intramural>

Research Grants/Fellowships

Scheme: DBT | Emerging Frontiers in Biotechnology

Details: This program is designed to catalyze transformative research endeavours encompassing a diverse array of biotechnological domains, by way of handholding and providing research support to active researchers to undertake research and development projects in the Emerging Frontiers of Biotechnology. This program will have two verticals namely Biomedical Sciences and Biological Sciences.

Budget: Up to INR 100 lakhs (The duration of the project is 3 years)

Submission Window: 1st April 2026 to 15th May 2026 (midnight)

➔ Please note the submission window is now 45 days.

Weblink: <https://dbtindia.gov.in/scientific-directorates/emerging-frontiers-biotechnology>
(Apply on <https://dbtepromis.nic.in/Login.aspx>)



Scheme: DBT | Biotechnological Interventions for Improvement of High Value Cash Crops

Scope of the Call: The Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India, invites proposals aimed at enhancing the productivity, quality, and resilience of high-value cash crops through innovative biotechnological interventions. These crops—including spices, plantation crops, oilseeds, industrial crops, and horticultural produce—play a critical role in India's agricultural economy, exports, and rural livelihoods. The call focuses on addressing key challenges such as yield gaps, climate vulnerability, pest and disease pressures, and post-harvest losses. Proposals are expected to leverage advanced breeding approaches, proof-of-concept technologies, and translational research to deliver tangible outcomes.

Scope of the call:

- **Varietal development:** Improved resistance to biotic and abiotic stresses, enhanced yield, and resource use efficiency
- **Nutritional and quality enhancement:** Enrichment of micronutrients, bioactive compounds, and improved sensory traits
- **Post-harvest interventions:** Shelf-life extension using bio-control agents and bio-preservatives
- **Processing traits:** Modification of biochemical composition to improve industrial applicability

Priority Crops: Spices (e.g., black pepper, cardamom, saffron), plantation crops (tea, coffee, cocoa), industrial crops (cotton, jute, sugarcane), oilseeds (groundnut, soybean, sunflower), and horticultural crops (pomegranate, grapes, dragon fruit).

Budget & Duration: INR 2.5 Crores (individual projects), INR 10 Crores (collaborative projects) and INR 15 Crores (network projects) for duration of 3 years

Submission Deadline: 5th May 2026

Weblink: (Apply on <https://dbtepromis.nic.in/Login.aspx>)
https://dbtepromis.nic.in/Documents/attach/20260402172826_News_Announcement.pdf



Scheme: DBT | Development of Next-Generation Vaccines, Diagnostics, and Therapeutics

Scope of the Call: The Department of Biotechnology, invites multidisciplinary consortium proposals to develop next-generation vaccines, diagnostics, and therapeutics for livestock, poultry, companion animals, and aquaculture systems. The call aims to leverage advances in omics technologies, synthetic biology, and computational tools to enable rapid, scalable, and cost-effective solutions for disease prevention and management. It addresses critical challenges such as infectious disease burden, antimicrobial resistance (AMR), biosecurity, and economic losses in animal husbandry and aquaculture sectors.

Scope of the call: The objective is to support time-bound, outcome-oriented (TRL~3) multidisciplinary consortia proposals under:

I. Animal Biotechnology (Livestock, Poultry, Canine, and Feline)

Next-generation vaccine platforms, Priority needs (Vaccines for diseases where no commercial options exist), Advanced Formulations, Diagnostics, Therapeutics (Drug repurposing) and Innovative Interventions to reduce disease burden

II. Aquaculture

Infectious Disease Control by development of Vaccines, Therapeutics and diagnostics, Mass delivery Strategies, biologicals (prebiotics/probiotics), and end-to-end disease management solutions with field validation

Proposals must be translational, outcome-oriented (around TRL 3), and aligned with commercialization pathways.

Budget & Duration:

Indicative budget limits: ~INR 2.5 Crores (individual projects)

Up to INR 10 Crores (collaborative/consortium projects)

Submission Deadline: 15th May 2026 (5:00 PM)

Weblink: (Apply on <https://dbtepromis.nic.in/Login.aspx>)

https://dbtepromis.nic.in/Documents/attach/20260402124917_News_Announcement.pdf

**Scheme: DBT | Biotech-Krishi Innovation Science Application Network (Biotech-KISAN)**

Scope of the Call: The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) supports the Biotech-Krishi Innovation Science Application Network (Biotech-KISAN)- a mission program aimed at linking scientific research with on-ground agricultural practices. The initiative focuses on empowering small and marginal farmers by integrating biotechnology and modern scientific solutions to address region-specific agricultural challenges. The program emphasizes a hub-and-spoke model, promoting strong collaboration between scientific institutions, state agricultural universities, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), and farmer communities. It seeks to enhance agricultural productivity, sustainability, and rural livelihoods through technology dissemination, capacity building, and farmer–scientist engagement.

Scope of the Program:

- Establishment of Biotech-KISAN Hubs across agro-climatic zones to identify and address local farming challenges
- Strengthening scientist–farmer interaction through training, exposure visits, and immersion programs
- Demonstration and scale-up of technologies addressing water, soil, seed, and market-related issues
- Capacity building through training programs for farmers and scientists
- Promotion of women farmers through dedicated fellowships (Mahila Kisan Biotech Fellowship)
- Facilitation of international exposure and training for farmers

Budget & Duration: Approx. ₹60 Lakhs per year for each Hub (initially for 2 years, extendable up to 5 years based on performance) Additional support for partner institutions, training programs, and field-level activities, Project Duration: Up to 5 years (including extension based on review)

Weblink: (Apply on <https://dbtepromis.nic.in/Login.aspx>)

<https://dbt.gov.in/storage/media/I8pNq26krs2nCpgBhid1oErDDrmt4uDrZTRTiv9p.pdf>

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Scheme: DBT–Wellcome Trust India Alliance | Career Development Grant (CDG)

Scope of the Call: The Career Development Grant (CDG) supports early- to mid-career researchers in India who are transitioning from postdoctoral training to independent research careers. The scheme is structured as a collaborative grant that enables applicants to establish their own research programmes while building strong scientific networks. The grant supports original, hypothesis-driven research in biomedical sciences, including basic, clinical, and public health research conducted in India. Research areas include (but are not limited to):

- Basic biomedical sciences
- Clinical research
- Public health research

Projects must demonstrate strong scientific rationale, innovation, feasibility, and clearly defined goals and outcomes over a 3-year period. The programme emphasises meaningful collaboration, where Co-Investigators contribute complementary expertise to enhance the overall scientific scope.

Eligibility: Applicants must: Hold a PhD, MD/MS, MPH, or equivalent qualification, have a strong track record of research in India for at least the past 4-5 years, have held a named postdoctoral fellowship awarded in their own name and must be in the final year of the fellowship or within 24 months of its completion

Applicants must identify:

- A Host Institution (India-based)
- A Sponsor (Head of Institution/Department)
- Up to two Co-Investigators providing complementary expertise

Duration & Budget: Maximum funding: **INR 2.0 Crore** (inclusive of overheads) is allowed under this scheme for a duration of 3 years. The includes the personal support (if not salaried): ₹1.55 lakh/month, Research expenses (consumables, services, minor equipment), Project staff (postdoctoral fellows, research assistants, etc.), Travel allowance (up to ₹9 lakh for meetings, training, collaboration), Flexible funding allowance (up to ₹10 lakh) and institutional overheads (5%)

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

Weblink: [https://dbtindiaalliancenesw.s3.ap-south-](https://dbtindiaalliancenesw.s3.ap-south-1.amazonaws.com/luhsuedtkwqrnt1773119763146/Career-Development-Grant_Guidelines_DBT-WT-IA.pdf)

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

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

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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://dbtindiaalliancenes.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 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://dbtindiaalliancenesw.s3.ap-south-1.amazonaws.com/kakzhutgnsdwysk1773120339672/Catalytic-Collaborative-Grant_Guidelines.pdf

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

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

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



Scheme: ANRF Catalytic Partnership Program

Scope of this call: ANRF Catalytic Partnership Program is a highly selective funding scheme intended to catalyse the establishment of new, large-scale research and innovation institutions or centres through deep and sustained public-private partnerships. The program enables the development of new institutional platforms, such as world class research laboratories, venture-builder institutions, and collaborative research centres anchored with universities, national research laboratories, research parks or in partnerships with other Ministries, Departments and State Governments.

Scope of the Call: Proposals must clearly demonstrate:

- Alignment with national priorities and areas of long-term national relevance.
- Net newness of the proposed objectives and partnership structure.
- That the proposal does not represent an extension, reconfiguration, or incremental scaling of existing institutions, centres, laboratories, or partnerships.

Eligibility: The program is strictly institutional in nature.

- No individual-centric projects will be supported.
- Only one proposal per institution per call shall be permitted.
- Proposals shall be submitted by the Head of the Institution.
- Recognized academic institution (including private institutions with valid UGC / AICTE / PCI approval) or National Research Laboratory or not-for-profit recognized research organisation in India (with a valid DSIR-SIRO recognition) are eligible to host the program.
- The proposal submitted shall constitute the sole institutional submission under this program for the relevant call cycle.

Given the strategic nature of the program, only a limited number of proposals shall be supported in each call.

Budget & Duration: Only projects demonstrating a minimum program cost of Rs.100 crores (In-cash), before accounting for ANRF contribution, will be considered. Supported proposals shall result in the establishment of a new institutional entity (centre, laboratory, or institute). Partnerships may involve academic institutions, national research laboratories, industry, philanthropy, other public agencies, or combinations thereof.

Proposals should clearly outline the governance structure of the proposed entity, including leadership, decision-making bodies, and the roles and responsibilities of participating partners.

- ANRF support shall typically constitute 10-20% of the total program cost and shall be disbursed over a period of up to five years.
- Non-ANRF funding may include private capital, CSR funding, philanthropy, alumni or diaspora endowments, infrastructure support, and in-kind contributions.
- All supported entities shall acknowledge ANRF support and be designated as "Catalysed by ANRF" in official communications.

Submission deadline: 01-April-2026 to 01-May-2026 (5:00 pm)

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

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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

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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.

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: 1st 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>

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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. 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: 1st May 2026 to 10th June 2026

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

Indo-International Grants

Scheme: India-France call for proposals in Applied Mathematics and Artificial Intelligence-by DST and ANR

Details: The aim of this India-France call for proposals is to strengthen Indo-French cooperation on topics combining Applied Mathematics and Artificial Intelligence: Artificial Intelligence in the service of Applied Mathematics, but also Mathematics as science for Artificial Intelligence. The call for proposals will specify the priority areas.

This joint call will support research addressing the four broad thematic areas, including the related subtopics:

- Mathematical Foundations of AI
- Theoretical foundations of Optimization and AI
- Mathematics for safe, trustworthy and reliable AI
- AI Modeling for PDEs and PDEs Modeling for AI

Submission deadline: 20th April 2026

Weblink: [Pre-announcement: India-France call for proposals in Applied Mathematics and Artificial Intelligence-DST | Department Of Science & Technology](#)

Applicants can apply only through online mode (<https://onlinedst.gov.in/>)



Scheme: Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme (ISJRP)

Details: Grants for JRPs are aimed at promoting collaborative projects with clearly defined goals, involving at least one partner based in Switzerland and one based in India. Applications should describe ambitious research and propose innovative approaches. The research is to be carried out at the research facilities involved. Reciprocal visits and short stays in Switzerland for researchers from India and vice versa are also included within the scope of a JRP.

Scope of the call: Research proposals may be submitted for financial support on diverse One Health topics, including:

- Disease pathogen research
- Zoonotic diseases and spillover dynamics
- Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) diagnostics
- Medical devices addressing One Health challenges
- Technology-enabled surveillance
- Development of alternatives to antibiotics and novel therapeutics
- Vector-borne diseases

- Host-pathogen interaction studies
- Environmental and ecosystem health assessments
- Climate change impacts on health

Budget: The Indian side can fund equipment, manpower, consumables, contingencies, travel (local and inter-national), overhead and other (outsourcing, meetings, workshops etc.). The proposal may be considered for funding support for 4 years with a maximum budget limit up to INR (Rs. 2.50 Crores) by DBT and ICMR. Equipment budget in the proposal should not be more than 30% of the total budget.

Submission deadline: 05 May 2026, 17:00 CEST

Weblink: https://dbtindia.gov.in/sites/default/files/DBT-ICMR%20%20SNSF%20Call%20for%20%20Proposals_0.pdf



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/IQcEjb1h7eh70BlmVc3VYvE9Z6IvW9AwZK5UyE2MBP0>

International Grants

Scheme: ICGEB Research Grants 2026 CRP - Collaborative Research Programme

Details: The International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) Research Grant is part of the Collaborative Research Programme (CRP) of ICGEB and is a dedicated source of funding aimed at financing projects that address scientific problems of particular relevance for the host country. The programme provides support for original research projects in basic life sciences, human healthcare, industrial and agricultural biotechnology, and bioenergy.

Budget: The maximum annual contribution from ICGEB is **Euro 25,000** for maximum 3 years

Submission deadline: 30th April 2026 (23:59 CET)

Weblink: <https://www.icgeb.org/grants/>

<https://www.icgeb.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/ICGEB-CRP-Call-2026.pdf>



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

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>

Exchange Grants/Fellowships

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:

- **Postdoctoral Fellowships (Standard [P])** – Long-term collaborative research (12–24 months)
- **Postdoctoral Fellowships (Short-term [PE])** – Short-term research opportunities (1–12 months)
- **Invitational Fellowships (Long-term [L])** – For senior researchers (2–10 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 (Standard): Duration: 12–24 months
Monthly stipend: ~JPY 362,000 and Round-trip airfare + settling-in allowance
- Postdoctoral Fellowship (Short-term): Duration: 1–12 months
Monthly stipend: ~JPY 200,000–362,000
- Invitational Fellowship (Long-term): Duration: 2–10 months

Monthly stipend: ~JPY 387,600

- Invitational Fellowship (Short-term): Duration: 14–60 days

Daily allowance: ~JPY 18,000, Additional research support

Submission Window: April 28, 2026 (JST) 5 pm for standard fellowship and 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)

Extramural Travel Grants

Scheme: Eklavya Travel Grant (for travel July to Sept 26)

Details: Applications for the **next travel window (July to Sept 2026)**, is now open from 1st April 2026.

Eligibility: This travel grant supports doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers in the life sciences from non-profit Indian academic and research institutions to attend scientific meetings. The support will be disbursed against actual expenses incurred. As per the guidelines, preference will be given to applicants who:

- Are affiliated with smaller institutes or universities
- Are giving platform (oral) presentations
- Are willing to accept part funding or funding below INR 1 lakh
- those attending small and selective meetings (e.g., Gordon Conferences, Keystone Symposia, EMBO Workshops, etc.).
- Have received a registration fee waiver/subsidy from the organizers

Weblink: Application form can be accessed via <https://lnkd.in/ddC7X-fj>

Submission Deadline: The last date for receiving applications is **20th April, 2026**. Applicants must submit a notification of presentation acceptance from the meeting organizers.

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

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/sponso

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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	https://schemes.dhr.gov.in/staticeweb/pdf/DHR/Downloads/HRD/amended%20HRD%20Guidelines%20merged.pdf

	research for undertaking various activities/events	
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/statiwcweb/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

RDO Welcomes New Members



Mr. Yousuf Khan
Grants Officer (Development)

Yousuf Khan will contribute to the efforts in fundraising across philanthropic, private, and CSR sources, as well as managing private/ endowment grants on campus. His role involves identifying and tracking evolving funding landscapes; supporting the development of proposals; building relationships with funding partners and donor engagement. He will also contribute to strategic communication supporting resource mobilization for emerging and interdisciplinary research at NCBS, as well as support various RDO outreach activities.

Yousuf Khan holds an MSc in Chemical Biology from the University of Geneva/EPFL, Switzerland and a BSc (Honours) in Chemistry from the University of Delhi. Previously, he worked in science communication as Communications Coordinator at BRIC-inStem and as a Science Writing Fellow at Current Science. He was also associated with IndiaBioscience as an intern for the YIM 2025. His prior experience in outreach and public engagement has shaped his interest at the interface of science, policy, and society - continuing to inform his current work.

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Ms. Deepika
Secretarial Trainee

Her responsibilities include handling office documents, assisting in office routines, scanning and collating documents, dispatching the hardcopy of the grant related documents and agreements, maintaining the dispatch register and stationery stocks needed for the office. She is also involved in archiving agreements, pre/post-award documents. As a B.Com. graduate, this role marks the beginning of her professional journey, allowing her to develop essential skills in administration, documentation, and data management. Her prior experience as an accountant has strengthened her analytical and organizational abilities,

while her achievements as a sportsperson highlight her discipline, teamwork, and resilience. Her dedication and attention to detail contribute to the smooth functioning of the RDO's operations.

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Bidding Farewell to RDO Colleagues



Mr. Darshan has contributed significantly towards managing pre-award and post-award processes at the RDO.

He has now moved on as Grants Officer at IISc.



Ms. Bhagya has been a dedicated Secretarial Trainee at the RDO, contributing diligently to the team.

She has now moved on to pursue her higher studies.