

Grants for Group Leaders

1. Sustainable crop production research for International Development



UK's Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (**BBSRC**) and Department for International Development (**DFID**), together with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (**BMGF**), USA, the Department of Biotechnology (**DBT**) and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (**ICAR**) invite joint call for proposals under the scheme "**Sustainable crop production research for International Development**".

The programme supports high-quality basic and strategic biological and biotechnological research to improve the production of major food crops in developing countries in the sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia by forging scientific partnerships between these countries and UK. The call supports two sub-schemes: **Standard Research Grants (SRGs)** (5 years) and **Projects for Emerging Agricultural Research Leaders (PEARLs)** (4 years). The total funding available for funding both these schemes is £20 M, out of which £2M is allocated for PEARL funding scheme (5-10 in number). Funding from the Government of India will be managed independently by DBT. The deadline for this scheme is **March 31, 2011**. Further details about this scheme can be accessed at:

http://dbtindia.nic.in/news_management/PressreleaseDetails.asp?PressId=137&button=Edit

2. Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme- Joint Research Project



Department of Science & Technology

The Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) and DST have issued a joint call inviting collaborative projects with clearly defined goals involving at least one Swiss and one Indian partner. The fields of research funded in this round include **nanotechnology and oncology**. The grant is for 36 months and provides funding for personnel, consumables, travel and living expenses for the visiting partner. The total Swiss funding for this project is CHF 2 million. The Indian partner is funded by DST as per their norms. The joint research projects need to be submitted simultaneously to the SNSF and DST by the collaborating partners by **April 30, 2011**. Further details on the scheme can be accessed at:

http://www.dst.gov.in/whats_new/whats_new11/ISJRP_JRP_announcement.pdf

3. Utrecht University Short Stay Visiting Professorship



Universiteit Utrecht

The purpose of these fellowships is to strengthen the existing collaboration between the Utrecht University and its partners and to explore and set up cooperation projects in research and/or education. NCBS is a partner of Utrecht University (UU) and therefore eligible to participate in

exchange of professors between the two institutes. Maximum support for a visiting professorship is € 5000 for a stay of at least two weeks in total. Applications are considered from professors in one of the 15 UU Research Focus areas (<http://www.uu.nl/university/research/en/focusareas/pages/default.aspx>). The deadline for submitting applications is **May 15, 2011**. Further details on this scheme can be accessed at: <http://www.uu.nl/university/research/NL/internationalesamenwerking/Pages/OpenCalls.aspx>

Fellowships for Junior Researchers

1. DBT-Research Associateship Programme in Biotechnology and Life Sciences

(<http://sid.iisc.ernet.in/dbtpdf.html>)

The purpose of the fellowship programme is to train scientists in frontier areas of research in Biotechnology at institutions in India engaged in major biotechnological research activities. Under this programme, funds are provided for salary support and contingency for a period of 2 years. Only Indian nationals with a Ph.D. degree / M.D. or M.S. degree in any area of medicine with research interests in Biotechnology and Life Sciences, a good academic record and below the age of 40 years (relaxable by 5 years for women) may apply. These fellowships are awarded twice a year. The scheme is administered via the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. The coordinator for this programme is **Prof. K. Muniyappa**. The next deadline for submission of applications is **March 20, 2011**.



2. International Brain Research Organization (IBRO)

The IBRO has schemes to support neuroscientists in less well-funded countries (US/Canada Region excluded) who wish to broaden the scope of their training in neuroscience by working abroad in well established laboratories. Priority is given to those who, after completion of the fellowship, are willing to return to their home countries. Funding is available in the following categories.

i) International Travel grant: Funding up to 1250 Euros to facilitate travel to neuroscience meetings for 14-28 days. The deadline for submitting applications is **March 1, 2011**. More details on this scheme can be accessed at

http://funding.ibro.info/Pub/Pub_Main_Display.asp?LC_Docs_ID=3169

ii) IBRO-APRC Exchange Fellowship: Funding of up to \$8500 for facilitating scientific exchange in the Asia-Pacific region for 4-6 months. This scheme is open to senior PhD student, postdocs and junior faculty. The deadline for submitting applications is **March 18, 2011**. More details on this scheme can be accessed at

http://funding.ibro.info/Pub/Pub_Main_Display.asp?LC_Docs_ID=4272

iii) IBRO Research Fellowship: Funding of Euros 33500 (Euros 37500 for outstanding candidates) for facilitating postdoctoral fellows to conduct research abroad in established laboratories for up to 12 months. The deadline for submitting applications is **March 1, 2011**. More details on this scheme can be accessed at

http://funding.ibro.info/Pub/Pub_Main_Display.asp?LC_Docs_ID=4254

iv) IBRO Return Home Fellowship: Funding of Euros 20000 to coordinate efforts with other organizations to both improve the opportunities for productive neuroscience research (allied to health services) within the less advantaged regions of the world and to provide more aid to those researchers trained overseas who wish return to their home countries. The deadline for submitting applications is **Sept 1, 2011**. More details on this scheme can be accessed at

http://funding.ibro.info/Pub/Pub_Main_Display.asp?LC_Docs_ID=4254

3. Newton International Fellowships



The Royal society, UK offers the Newton International fellowships to early stage postdocs to enable them to pursue postdoctoral training in UK for 2 years. The Fellowships include £24,000 per annum to cover subsistence and up to £8,000 to cover research expenses, plus a one-off relocation allowance of up to £2,000. Funding, worth £6,000 per year for ten years after the Fellowship ends, may be available to support follow-on activities to enable Newton Fellows to build long-term links with the UK. The deadline for submitting applications to this scheme is **April 4, 2011**. Further details on the scheme can be accessed at <http://royalsociety.org/Newton-International-Fellowships/>

4. Ravi Sankaran Fellowship Program



The Inlaks Shivadasani foundation awards Ravi Sankaran Fellowships to support activities that have an explicit focus on biodiversity conservation. These fellowships support internship in an institution abroad or a short conservation research or implementation project within India (in a Small Grants program). Fellowship includes stipend, travel funds and course fees (where relevant). The Small Grants activity provides funding up to a maximum of Rs 200,000 per year. Indian citizens with a minimum of Bachelors degree and a passion for wildlife are eligible to apply. The deadline for submitting application is **April 15, 2011**. Further details on this scheme can be accessed at <http://www.ravisankaran.org/>

5. International Neuroscience Fellowship (NIH)



The U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) has announced the International Neuroscience Fellowship (INF) to advance the training of qualified foreign neuroscientists and clinicians at the early or mid-career level in a research setting in the United States (U.S.).

All applicants must have a doctoral or equivalent degree, and an endorsement from their home institution, with a guaranteed appointment upon completion of the fellowship. Applicants must have a sponsor in the U.S. who is affiliated with an eligible U.S. organization. **Researchers from India are eligible to apply.** All applications for the INF must be submitted from the U.S. Sponsoring Institution. Applications are due by **August 16, 2011**, by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. Further details about this scheme can be accessed at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-11-106.html>

6. Utrecht University Short Stay Fellowships for PhD students



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The Utrecht University (UU) offers short stay fellowships for excellent PhD candidates from the Utrecht University Partners to visit UU for research purposes for 3 months. The purpose of this

fellowship is to strengthen the cooperation between research groups at UUs and its partner institutes and to enhance knowledge and interest in the research being carried out at these institutes. NCBS is a UU partner. The fellowship includes travel fare, accommodation, monthly allowance, visa fees and insurance coverage. Interested PhD students need to find and contact a possible supervisor at UU. The applications of the nominated candidates then need to be submitted by the selected supervisor from UU whose lab the candidate wishes to visit. The deadline for applications is **May 15, 2011**. Further details about this scheme can be accessed at

<http://www.uu.nl/university/research/NL/internationalesamenwerking/Pages/OpenCalls.aspx>