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WELCOME NOTE

Dear Colleague,

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

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

The RDO is also launching its helpdesk system this month. Read more about it on Page no. 4

With Best Wishes,

Vineetha Raghavan (on Behalf of Team RDO)



In February 2018, Wellcome Trust/ DBT India Alliance launched the India Research Management Initiative (IRMI) a new initiative for strengthening research management at institutions in India. NCBS and inStem are both registered with the IRMI initiative.



Indian Delegation at INORMS 2018 conference

As part of its mandate to provide opportunities for research managers in India to receive mentorship, training, career development and networking opportunities, IRMI sponsored the participation of the first ever delegation of Indian Research Managers to the international conference INORMS 2018 held in Edinburgh in early June. Dr. Vineetha Raghavan from the RDO represented the Bangalore Life Science cluster in this delegation. Since its establishment in 2006, the INORMS (International Network of Research Management Societies) Conference has become established as a major international gathering of university research management professionals worldwide.

In an attempt to spread awareness of research management in India, IRMI has been organising small workshops across India. On 26th July, 2018, NCBS hosted the IRMI sharing session for a group of institutions in Bangalore and Chennai areas to share experiences about research management and see examples of the benefits of professional research management support.



Attendees at the India Research Management Initiative (IRMI) sharing session conducted by the Wellcome -DBT India Alliance at NCBS

Relevant links:

https://www.indiaalliance.org/events/47 https://www.indiaalliance.org/news/246

https://twitter.com/India Alliance/status/1023073868334825472

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



Bidding Farewell to RDO Colleagues



Dr. PANKAJ GUPTA

Pankaj has contributed significantly towards management of several large programs on campus.

After more than 4 years of dedicated service at the RDO, he has now moved on as Program Manager at TIGS-India



Dr. ATHULYA ARAVIND

Athulya has contributed significantly towards management of the ADBS program in its initial stages.

She has now moved on as Senior Partnerships Adviser (India), King's College London.

We wish them both success as they embark on their future career path.

Launching RDO Helpdesk

The RDO is pleased to announce the launch of the helpdesk system for the RDO (<u>rdohelp@ncbs.res.in</u>).

The helpdesk system is set up with the intention to streamline our processes and gather feedback from the BLiSc community. This will help us to constantly adapt our processes to the needs of the campus researchers in order to offer the best possible services to support your fund raising requirements.

Please route all your initial queries (both pre-award and post-award) to the RDO helpdesk email (<u>rdohelp@ncbs.res.in</u>).

Please write to Vineetha Raghavan (vineethar@ncbs.res.in) if you have any views or require any clarification.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcoming New Colleagues



Dr. ROSHAN KUMAR

Roshan Kumar assumes responsibility for management of large institutional grants on campus.

Roshan has a PhD in Life Sciences from Dr. Hari Singh Gour University, Sagar, MP in the area of microbial communication. He was previously employed at ICAR - National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Microorganisms, where his role was to manage large Gol grants of Network project of ICAR spread to 55 centres across India.

Contact: roshankumar@ncbs.res.in (Extn: 6227)



Dr. JINU MATHEW VALAYIL

Jinu now assumes responsibility for management of the ADBS program.

Jinu completed her PhD in Biochemistry from the Dept. of Biochemistry, Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in the area of microbial ecology and natural product chemistry. She was then employed at Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, where her role was to manage multi-institutional drug discovery project.

Contact: jinum@ncbs.res.in (Extn: 6759)

Call for NCBS/inStem Campus Fellows program

The Academic Office has announced the next call for applications to the NCBS/inStem Campus Fellows program (CFP), to an internal deadline of **17th September**, **2018**.

The NCBS/inStem Campus Fellows program is targeted at postdoctoral scientists of exceptional talent, and provides them broad independence and support to carry out their research in a host laboratory at NCBS (www.ncbs.res.in) or inStem (http://instem.res.in). Fellows are expected to drive new research directions in their host laboratories, and to establish themselves as independent scientists.

Campus Fellows are appointed for a period not exceeding 4 years. The Fellowship provides competitive salary and campus housing. Fellows may choose to hold a part of their Fellowship off-campus for collaborative work and training relevant to their program of research.

Selection is on the basis of a proposal developed in close collaboration with the host followed by a public seminar and an interview with the CFP committee.

More details on the Campus Fellows program can be accessed at:

https://www.ncbs.res.in/academic/postdoc-cfp





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

RESEARCHER	HOST INSTITUTION	PROJECT TITLE	FUNDING SCHEME	FUNDS AWARDED (in Lakhs)
Shannon Olsson	NCBS	Research on impact of pollution on pollination	Tata Trust	49.92
Tina Mukherjee	inStem	Identification of regulators of my- eloid-cell homeostasis predis- posing animals to metabolic dis- orders and insulin resistance	DBT-IYBA	57.6
Tina Mukherjee	inStem	Hematopoiesis and metabolism	CEFIPRA Collaborative Research Program (CRP)	77.57
Raj ladher	NCBS	Understanding the role of Proto- cadherin-15 phosphorylation during mechanotransduction in inner ear hair cells	Action on hearing loss - The Royal National Institute of Deaf People: Hearing loss grant	128.37
P V Shiva Prasad	NCBS	Deployment of CRISPR/Cas9 mediated genome editing in plants	DBT– Project Grant	59.83
Varadharajan Sundaramurthy	NCBS	Modulation of host endocytosis during Plasmodium liver stage development.	SERB– Extramural Research Grant (EMR)	17.82

AWARDED GRANTS

This section provides brief details of the Extramural Fellowships awarded to postdoctoral researchers on campus. We wish all the investigators well for their proposed programs of research. All correspondence on awarded grants should be directed to: rdohelp@ncbs.res.in

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Sathyaa Subramaniyam	NCBS	Sub-cellular mechanisms discriminate spatio-temporal input signals	DST-Cognitive Science Research Initiative (CSRI)- Postdoctoral Fellowship	18.92
Shirish Mishra	NCBS	Regulation of information transfer across endoplasmic reticulum-plasma membrane contact sites during lipid signaling.	SERB- National Postdoctoral Fellowship (N-PDF)	19.2
Geetha G T	NCBS	Air Quality Index (AQI) for pollinators	SERB– National Postdoctoral Fellowship (N-PDF)	19.2
Venkatramanan G Rao	inStem	Spatial and temporal organization of tubulin modifications in Cilia and flagella	SERB– National Postdoctoral Fellowship (N-PDF)	19.2
Avinanda Banerjee	inStem	Role of vinculin in nuclear mechanotransduction	SERB– National Postdoctoral Fellowship (N-PDF)	19.2
Vinu Varghese Pulikkottil	NCBS	Dendritic spines - spatiotemporal stability mechanism that determines spine morphology and distribution	SERB– National Postdoctoral Fellowship (N-PDF)	19.2
Sachin Sridhara	NCBS	Fear and function: how do predators and livestock influence plant regeneration by mediating the behaviour of wild ungulates that disperse seeds?	SERB– National Postdoctoral Fellowship (N-PDF)	19.2
Mahua Charaborty	inStem	Elucidating the role of Euchromatic histone methyltransferase1 (EHMT1) in obesity and diabetes.	DST– Women Scientist scheme (WOS-A)	32.59



Research Grants/ Fellowships

Early Career Research Award (SERB)

Remit: To support young researchers in their early career for pursuing innovative research in frontier areas of science and engineering.

Applicant eligibility: Indian citizen, PhD in Science or Engineering or M.D or M.S degree in any area of medicine, must hold a regular academic/ research position in a recognised R&D institution. The upper age limit for the ECR award is fixed at 37 years, SC/ST/OBC/Physically challenged and women candidates can apply upto 40 years.

Budget: Up to Rs. 50 lakhs (excluding overheads)

Deadline: 14th August, 2018

Weblink: http://serbonline.in/SERB/ecr?HomePage=New

Genome Engineering/Editing Technology Initiative Program (*GETin*): Overseas Fellowship (IUSSTF/DBT)

Remit: To promote interaction of Indian scientists and technologists with American peers to build long-term R&D linkages and collaborations.

Applicant Eligibility: Applicants must be Indian citizen having Ph.D. in Life Science, Biotechnology, Engineering or Technology. Should hold a regular position in public funded R&D Lab/S&T Institution/recognized Universities/Colleges in India.

Budget: Stipend of \$ 3,000 per month, Return air fare, Health insurance of upto \$ 1,000, Contingency of upto \$1,000. Conference Allowance of upto \$1,200.

Duration: 5 weeks- 1 year

Deadline: 30th September, 2018

Weblink: http://iusstf.org/program/genome-engineeringediting-technology-initiative-program

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Research Grants/ Fellowships

Conservation Leadership Program: Call for proposals for

Future Conservationist Award (BP/FFI/WCS)

Remit: To support projects in the Asia Pacific region focused on either tree species or non-avian marine species based in seaward habitats.

Applicant Eligibility: Applicants must be early career conservationists (< 5 years paid work experience). It is a team based award with at least 3 people from eligible countries (India is eligible). 50 % or more of the team members should be national of country where the proposed project is taking place.

Budget: Research grant upto US \$ 12500

Duration: 3 months- 1 year **Deadline:** 26th November, 2018

Weblink: http://www.conservationleadershipprogramme.org/ media/2017/10/Guidelines 2018 CLP FCA Tree Marine.pdf

Return Home Fellowships (IBRO)

Remit: To provide support to neuroscientists trained overseas who wish to return to their home countries.

Applicant Eligibility: Applicants who have finished research training in neurosciences (including clinical research) and wish to start up their own laboratory and/or work independently in a centre of excellence of a developed country. Scientists who are developing a successful basic/clinical research career in a developed country and wish to return to their country of origin or to a less developed country for personal or cultural reasons.

Budget: Up to 20,000 Euros
Duration: 3 months- 1 year
Deadline: 1st September, 2018
Weblink: http://ibro.org/international/

Exploration Grant (National Geographic Society)

Remit: To support research in the areas of conservation,

education, research, storytelling, and technology.

Applicant Eligibility: No restriction on nationality. Applicant

should be an experienced project leader.

Duration: Upto 1 year

Budget: US \$10,000 - US \$30,000.

Deadline: 3rd October, 2018

Weblink: https://www.nationalgeographic.org/grants/grant-

opportunities/

Research Grants/ Fellowships

Request for Proposals: Big Cats Conservation (National Geographic Society)

Remit: To support projects that will help halt the decline of big cats (Lion, Cheetah and Leopard). Projects may be based in any of a broad spectrum of conservation, education, development, and scientific ventures.

Applicant Eligibility: No restriction on nationality. Applicant should be an experienced project leader.

Duration: 1-2 years **Budget:** Upto \$100,000. **Deadline:** 3rd October, 2018

Weblink: https://www.nationalgeographic.org/grants/grant-

opportunities/big-cats-conservation/

Request for Proposals: Reducing Marine Plastic Pollution (National Geographic Society)

Remit: To support projects that that aim to reduce plastic pollution before it reaches the ocean, using innovative solutions that have the potential to scale.

Applicant Eligibility: No restriction on nationality. Applicant should be an experienced project leader.

Duration: 1-2 years **Budget:** Upto \$100,000. **Deadline:** 3rd October, 2018

Weblink: https://www.nationalgeographic.org/grants/grant-

opportunities/reducing-marine-plastic-pollution/

International Collaboration

5th Indo-Spanish Joint Call for Technological Co-operation in Biotechnology 2018 (DBT/CDTI E.P.E, Spain)

Remit: To promote collaborative research projects among researchers between India and Spain in thematic areas including Food Biotechnology and Agri Biotech.

Applicant eligibility: At least one qualified partner from India and one qualified partner from Spain (1 company from Spain +1 entity from India).

Duration: 2-3 years

Deadline: 1st October, 2018

Weblink: http://www.dbtindia.nic.in/joint-programme-for-co-

operation/

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International Collaboration

Global Stars Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects under EUREKA (DBT/EUREKA)

Remit: To support joint industrial R&D project proposals between India and The Netherlands, Belgium (Flanders region) Spain and United Kingdom in the field of "One Health": Affordable, innovative solutions for prevention and control, point of care diagnostics and treatment of infectious and chronic diseases, to improve prevention, treatment outcomes and efficient utilization of health resources.

Applicant eligibility: The partners should include at least, one Indian organisation and one (for profit) company from any of the EUREKA participating countries in this call.

Budget: Funds equipment, manpower, consumables, travel (local and international travel), contingency, and others.

Duration: Upto 3 years **Deadline:** 1st October, 2018

Weblink: http://www.dbtindia.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/Global-

Stars-Call-Text-India.pdf

International Exchange

Indo-Belarus Joint Research Programme (DST/ State Committee of Scientific Research of Belarus, Belarus)

Remit: To support joint research projects between scientists in India and The Republic of Belarus in areas including Energy, Information and Communications Technologies, Biotechnology, Medicine and Pharmacy, Agrotechnology and Food Security, Clean Technology for Environment; Materials Sciences & Metallurgy.

Applicant eligibility: Applicants from the Indian side who are already implementing two projects funded by the International Division of DST is not eligible to submit the project against this call.

Budget: Funds exchange visits and limited research expenses including consumables, manpower and contingency.

Duration: Upto 3 years **Deadline:** 31st August, 2018

Weblink: http://www.dbtindia.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/Global-

Stars-Call-Text-India.pdf

International Exchange

MIF Research Fellowship (Matsumae International Foundation, Japan)

Remit: To allow researchers to undertake short term research

projects in an institute of choice in Japan

Applicant eligibility: Non-Japanese nationality, PhD, regular appointment in a research institute, age less than 49 years **Budget:** Stipend, Travel, insurance, relocation and living

expenses

Duration: 3-6 months

Deadline: 31st August, 2018

Weblink:

http://www.mif-japan.org/fellowship/announcement/?hl=en

India-Japan Cooperative Science Programme (IJCSP): Call For Proposals - 2018 (DST/JSPS, Japan)

Remit: To promote bilateral scientific collaboration between Indian and Japanese scientists by submitting proposals for joint projects or joint workshops.

Applicant eligibility: The (PI) and other investigators in India should be scientists/faculty members working in regular capacity in UGC recognized Universities/ Deemed Universities/ Academic Institutes and National Research & Development Laboratories/ Institutes. Must include at least one Indian and one Japanese Principal Investigator.

Budget: Kind of support includes cost of International airfare to and from the designated research location, visa fee, airport taxes, overseas medical insurance premium for the approved visit duration and airport transfers in India. For joint workshops/ seminars to be organized in India, local travel cost of selected Indian participants and organizing expenses may also be considered.

Duration: Upto 2 years

Comment: The applicant from the Indian side who are already implementing two projects funded by the International Division of DST is not eligible to submit the project against this call.

Deadline: 5th September, 2018

Weblink:

http://www.dst.gov.in/sites/default/files/For%20Website%20DST-JSPS%20Call%20for%20proposals.pdf

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International Exchange

Indo-Russian Joint Research Call for Proposals 2018 (DST/RSF, Russia)

Remit: To support joint research projects between scientists in India and Russia in areas including Biology and Life Science, Basic Research for Medicine, Mathematics, Computer and Systems Science, Physics and Space Science, Chemistry and Material Science, Agricultural

Sciences, Earth Science and Engineering.

Applicant eligibility: Project team should consist of atleast 4 members and should consist of 50% young researchers (Age limit < 39 years). Project coordinators on both sides must have published at least 10 research articles in SCI indexed journals in last 5 years.

Budget: Funds exchange visits and limited research expenses including consumables, manpower and contingency.

Duration: Upto 3 years

Deadline: 14th September, 2018

Weblink: http://www.dst.gov.in/sites/default/files/rsf%20call.pdf

Indo-French Programme in Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Human-environment interactions, Particle Physics, Engineering and System Sciences (DST (CEFIPRA)/ CNRS, France)

Remit: To support joint research projects between scientists in India and France in areas including Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Human-environment interactions (including terrestrial/marine, past/present environments and socio-ecosystems), Nuclear and particle physics, Engineering and Systems Sciences.

Applicant eligibility: Applicants should hold a permanent position as scientists/ faculty members in universities/ academic institutes/ National R&D laboratories.

Budget: Funds International travel (including airfare (India to France &vice-versa), daily allowance, accommodation and domestic travel in the receiving country during a participant's stay abroad), manpower and contingency of upto Rs. 30,000 per year.

Duration: Upto 3 years

Deadline: 26th September, 2018

Weblink: http://www.dst.gov.in/sites/default/files/Call DST-

CNRS Targeted%20Programme.pdf

International Exchange

International exchange scheme - Standard programme (The Royal Society)

Remit: To facilitate new collaborations between scientists in the UK and overseas.

Budget: Supports travel, subsistence and research expenses. £3000 upto 3 months, £6000 for 1 year and £12000 for 2 years.

Applicant eligibility: PhD, permanent appointment in a research institute, collaboration should be based on a single project lead by the applicant (UK based scientist) and co-applicant (overseas based scientist).

Duration: Either up to 3 months, 1 year or 2 years.

Deadline: 2nd October, 2018

Weblink: https://royalsociety.org/~/media/grants/schemes/

International-Exchanges-Standard-Programme-Scheme-Notes.pdf

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Early Career Grant (National Geographic Society)

Remit: To support early career researchers to pursue research in areas including wildlife, conservation, Changing Planet (with focus on Earth's dynamic terrestrial, marine, and freshwater ecosystems), human journey (origin and development of species, genetic diversity, adaptation to diverse landscapes etc.)

Applicant Eligibility: No restriction on nationality. Applicant should have less than five years of professional experience in the field of their project focus. Must be at least 18 years old at the time of application submission.

Duration: Upto 1 year

Budget: US \$5,000 - US \$10,000. **Deadline:** 3rd October, 2018

Weblink: https://www.nationalgeographic.org/grants/grant-

opportunities/

Travel

Travelling Fellowships (Company of Biologists)

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

Applicant Eligibility: No restriction on nationality. The applicant should be working in the field of the journal (Development, Journal of Cell Science, Experimental Biology, and Disease Models & Mechanisms) The Journal of

Budget: up to £2,500. Funding includes travel, subsistence, accommodation, visa fees and bench fees.

Deadline: 31st August 2018 (for travel after 15 October 2018),

30 November 2018 (for travel after 14 January 2019)

Weblink: http://www.biologists.com/travelling-fellowships/

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Travel

Early-career researcher travel grants 2018 (eLife)

Remit: To fund early-stage researchers (postdocs and scientists) to present their work at a meeting of their choice.

Budget: \$1,000

Eligibility: PhD and have no more than five years of active research experience, pursuing their research in life sciences or biomedicine and authored or co-authored a research paper (published or accepted) at eLife.

Deadline: 2nd September, 2018

Weblink: https://elifesciences.org/inside-elife/98fb911a/early-career-researcher-travel-grants-2018-terms-and-conditions

Organizing Meetings/Workshops

Scientific Meetings grant (Company of Biologists)

Remit: To fund the organisation of meetings/ workshops.

Applicant eligibility: Organiser must have a PhD. No geographic restrictions, preference to events with feasible diversity in speakers in terms of geography, gender and age.

Budget: Funds for organizing meetings, support of young scientists and plenary or keynote speakers attending meetings.

Agency Deadline: 11th September, 2018 **Weblink:** http://www.biologists.com/grants/

Rolling schemes

Industry Relevant R&D (SERB)

Remit: To utilize the expertise available in academic institutions and national laboratories to solve industry specific problems for the larger benefit of society.

Applicant eligibility: Academic partners include Indian nationals holding a regular academic appointment in India. All industries (including MSME & industrial R&D Centres) are eligible.

Budget: SERB will provide funds up to Rs.50 lakhs for supporting research costs to the academic partner. The industry partner is expected to share up to 50% of the total costs of the project.

Duration: 3-5 years

Weblink: http://www.serb.gov.in/irrd.php

Rolling Schemes

J C Bose National Fellowships (SERB)

Remit: To recognize active scientists and engineers for their outstanding performance and contributions.

Applicant eligibility: Indian Nationals residing in India, with upper age limit of 68 years for completion of fellowship. Needs to be nominated by the institute.

Budget: Salary top-up of Rs. 25,000 per month plus research grant of Rs. 10.00 lakh.

Duration: 5 years

Weblink: http://serb.gov.in/pdfs/guideline/jcbose-guideline.pdf

Project grants (DBT)

Remit: To support Research and Development projects in biotechnology and life sciences.

Applicant eligibility: Ph D, Regular position in Indian research

institutes/universities **Budget**: upto 1 crore **Duration:** 3-5 years

Comments: Submission through online web portal of DBT

Weblink: http://dbtepromis.nic.in/Login.aspx

Ramanujan Fellowship (SERB)

Remit: To support scientists from all over the world, who wish to return to India to take up scientific research positions.

Applicant eligibility: PhD/MD with excellent proven track-record. Age less than 55 years.

Budget: Fellowship support of Rs.85,000/- per month and research grant of 7 Lakhs per annum

Duration: 5 years

Weblink: http://serb.gov.in/pdfs/guideline/ramanujan-guideline.pdf

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