
FUNDING HORIZONS

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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.

With Best Wishes,
Savita Ayyar (on Behalf of Team RDO)



FUNDING NEWS

CIFAR AZRIELI GLOBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR) has announced the *CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars program* to support early career research leaders engaged in research including but not limited to following themes:

- Learning in Machines & Brains
- Quantum Materials
- Genetic Networks
- Child & Brain Development
- Humans & the Microbiome
- Molecular Architecture of Life
- Azrieli Program in Brain, Mind & Consciousness

The CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars program provides emerging research leaders worldwide an opportunity to accelerate their career through networking, research support, skill development and opportunities for impact. They will have the opportunity to be mentored by a senior researcher, to network within a community of top-tier research leaders, and to form new collaborations with colleagues from diverse disciplines. Global Scholars receive \$100,000 CDN in undesignated research support for a duration of up to 2 years. Global Scholars are permitted to concurrently hold other competitive research fellowships.

The applicant can be from anywhere in the world, should hold a PhD or equivalent degree and be within five years of their first full-time academic appointment at an institution of higher education or research.

More details of the scheme can be accessed at <http://www.cifar.ca/global-scholars/>

The deadline for submission of preliminary proposals is **23rd May, 2017**.

Expressions of interest should reach the RDO office by 15th April, 2017.



FUNDING NEWS

eLife 2017 TRAVEL GRANTS FOR EARLY-CAREER RESEARCHERS

eLife has announced a call to support early career researchers towards presenting their work at scientific meetings of their choice.

The eLife travel grants can be availed by postdoctoral and independent researchers with up to five years of active research experience, and who have authored or co-authored a research paper published (or accepted for publication) at eLife. The scheme offers one travel grant of up to \$1,000.

The deadline for submission of applications in different priority areas is as follows:

SUBJECT GROUP	DEADLINES
A) Biochemistry/Biophysics and Structural Biology/ Computational and Systems Biology	April 3, June 5, September 4 , 2017
B) Epidemiology and Global Health/ Human Biology and Medicine	April 3, June 5, September 4 , 2017
C) Cell Biology/Developmental Biology and Stem Cells	April 3, June 5, September 4 , 2017
D) Immunology / Microbiology and infectious disease	May 1, July 3, October 2, 2017
E) Cancer Biology/ Genes and Chromosomes	May 1, July 3, October 2, 2017
F) Genomics and Evolutionary Biology/Ecology/Plant Biology	May 1, July 3, October 2, 2017
G) Neuroscience	May 1, September 4, 2017

More details of the scheme can be accessed at <https://elifesciences.org/elife-news/inside-elife-2017-travel-grants-early-career-researchers-now-open-applications>

AWARDED GRANTS

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

Researcher: Dr. Aswin Seshasayee

Host Institution: National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS)

Project Title: An investigation of the impact of chromosome organisation on global gene expression and evolution of bacteria

Funding Scheme: Wellcome-DBT India Alliance Intermediate Fellowship

Funds Awarded: Rs. 360.91 Lakhs.

Researcher: Dr. Anchal Chandra

Host Institution: National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS)

Project Title: Modulation of physiological and oncogenic Ras protein signaling via plasma membrane clustering

Funding Scheme: Wellcome-DBT India Alliance Early Career Fellowship

Funds Awarded: Rs. 172.35 Lakhs.

Researcher: Dr. Dasaradhi Palakodeti

Host Institution: Institute for Stem cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine (inStem)

Project Title: Dissect the functional relevance of ribosome heterogeneity in pluripotent stem cells using regenerative model system Planarian Schmidtea mediterranea and human embryonic stem cells.

Funding Scheme: DST Swarnajayanthi fellowship

Funds Awarded: Rs. 178.7 Lakhs.

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Researcher: Dr. Shachi Gosavi

Host Institution: National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS)

Project Title: Understanding and design of domain-swapping in biomolecules

Funding Scheme: SERB-Extramural research (EMR) project grant

Funds Awarded: Rs. 42.67 Lakhs.

Researcher: Dr. Hiyaa Ghosh

Host Institution: National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS)

Project Title: Exploring E-protein in microglial homeostasis

Funding Scheme: SERB - Early Career Research (ECR) grant

Funds Awarded: Rs. 39.72 Lakhs.

Researcher: Dr. Perundurai Dhandapany

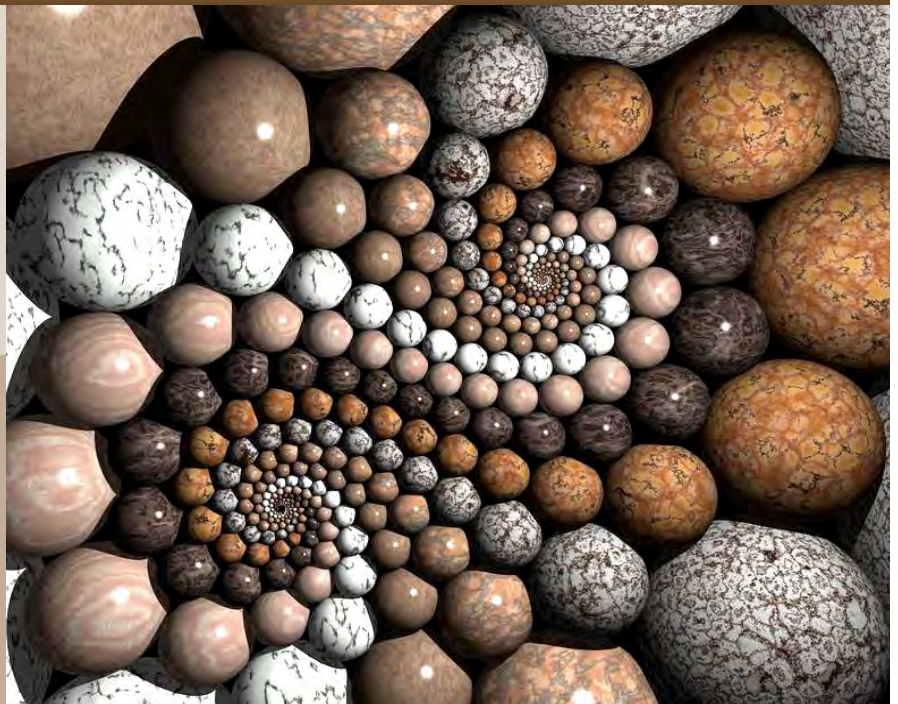
Host Institution: Institute for Stem cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine (inStem)

Project Title: To identify and characterize the risk genes in Indian patients-associated with sudden cardiac death in coronary artery disease

Funding Scheme: RGUHS Project Grant

Funds Awarded: Rs. 14.38 Lakhs.

PROCESS MATTERS



Pre-screening for Competitive Postdoctoral Fellowships

Calls for several competitive postdoctoral fellowships will be announced in the coming few months. These include the Wellcome-DBT India Alliance- Early Career Fellowships (likely to be launched in May, 2017), EMBO Long-term Fellowships (likely Aug, 2017), HFSP Long term Fellowships and Cross-Disciplinary fellowships (Likely Aug, 2017) and the Marie Skłodowska-Curie (14th Sep, 2017). As per campus norms, applications from postdoctoral colleagues to these schemes to be hosted at NCBS or inStem, require MANDATORY pre-screening by the Academic office.

The call for applications for prescreening to these schemes will be announced by the Academic Office sufficiently in advance of these agency deadlines. Expressions of interest from postdoctoral colleagues should be submitted to the Academic office in time for internal deadlines issued in these calls.

Candidates are advised to follow the procedure for pre-screening as detailed in the call or at the following link: <https://www.ncbs.res.in/academic/postdoc-extramural>

All queries regarding the pre-screening process should be directed to the Academic Office (acadoffice@ncbs.res.in). Following the pre-screening, submissions of applications will be coordinated and routed via the RDO (rdo@ncbs.res.in).



Infosys
Foundation

INFOSYS TRAVEL AWARDS



The Infosys Foundation Travel Awards are now open for Early Career Researchers at NCBS.

These awards have been created by generous Endowment support from the Infosys Foundation, for encouraging students to attend workshops and conferences for gaining new insights in fields of their research and to visit laboratories worldwide for collaborative research and training opportunities.

Under the Infosys Travel Award scheme, two categories of travel support are made available to students, which include:

1. Infosys Travel awards to attend conferences.
2. Infosys Travel awards for collaborative research visits

The maximum contribution that can be requested via the Infosys Foundation Travel Award is Rs. 1 lakh for attending conferences and Rs 2 lakhs for visiting collaborator laboratories for longer durations.

Applications to this scheme will be accepted throughout the year, subject to the availability of interest from the Endowment fund.

Application forms available on the intranet should be filled and submitted to the RDO (<https://intranet.ncbs.res.in/information/student/travel-awards#award2>). In addition to the forms, applicants are required to be nominated by their campus Principal Investigator. Only one nomination will be accepted per year from a given laboratory. Applicants will be notified about the outcome of their proposals by the first week of each month.

Successful awardees will be expected to complete a brief report on their travel upon their return to the campus. For queries please contact rdo@ncbs.res.in.

The Infosys Foundation Travel Awards are administered by the RDO in conjunction with the Academic Office.

FORTHCOMING DEADLINES



Research grants/Fellowships

Young investigators (EMBO)

Remit: To provide financial and practical support to young scientists in the life sciences in the early stages of setting up an independent laboratory to help them develop skills and connections that will help them during this career stage.

Applicant Eligibility: 1-4 years of experience as an independent group leader. Carry out research in the life sciences in an EMBC Member State, an EMBC Associate Member State (India is now an EMBC Associate Member State) or a cooperating partner country (currently Taiwan). Age limit < 40 years.

Duration: 3 years

Deadline: 1st April, 2017

Weblink: <http://www.embo.org/funding-awards/young-investigators>



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(<https://www.ncbs.res.in/rdo/sponsor-deadlines>)

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Research grants/Fellowships

Kate Stokes Memorial Award (Conservation Leadership Program)

Remit: To support teams that demonstrate strong passion, enthusiasm and a long-term commitment to conservation.

Applicant Eligibility: The proposed team leader must be a CLP alumnus.

Budget: \$5,000

Deadline: 9th April, 2017

Weblink: <http://www.conservationleadershipprogramme.org/grants/grant-overview/kate-stokes-memorial-award/>

Swarnajayanti Fellowships (DST)

Remit: To support young scientists to pursue research in frontier areas of science and technology.

Applicant Eligibility: PhD, Indian national having a regular position in a recognized Indian academic/ research organization. Scientists with outstanding contributions in the frontier area of science and engineering. Age limit < 40 years.

Budget: Fellowship of Rs. 25,000/- and research expenses

Duration: 5 years

Deadline: 15th April, 2017

Weblink: <http://www.dst.gov.in/sites/default/files/ADVERTISEMENT-SWARNAJAYANTI-FELLOWSHIPS-2016-17.pdf>

Small Grants program (Ravi Sankaran Foundation)

Remit: To support conservation research for unconventional or risky projects within India that has the potential to lead to a longer-term conservation science and/or implementation project.

Applicant Eligibility: Indian national with demonstrated interest in wildlife ecology and conservation. Age limit < 30 years.

Budget: Stipend and project expenses (upto Rs 2 lakh per year in total)

Duration: 1 year

Deadline: 15th April, 2017

Weblink: <http://www.ravisankaran.org/the-fellowship/fellowships/>

Research grants/Fellowships

International Research in Infectious Diseases, (NIH)

Remit: To support applications from institutions in eligible foreign countries that propose research related to infectious diseases that are of interest to that country.

Eligibility: India is eligible.

Budget: Funds up to \$125,000 per year in direct costs and a maximum of \$ 625,000.

Duration: 5 years

Deadline: LOI deadline: 22th April, 2017; Application Due date: 22nd May, 2017

Weblink: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-17-142.html>

Research Grants-Collaborative Research Programme, CRP (ICGEB)

Remit: To support collaborative research between ICGEB Member States and with the ICGEB Component laboratories, promoting training of young scientists and facilitating the creation of appropriate research facilities.

Eligibility: Applicant should hold positions at research institutes in any of the ICGEB Member States (India is eligible).

Budget: Funds up to Euro 25,000 per year. Funds consumables, equipment, travel and training costs

Duration: 36 months

Deadline: 30th April, 2017

Weblink: http://www.icgeb.org/tl_files/Grants/CRP%20Guidelines_2017.pdf



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Research grants/Fellowships

Fullbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships

Remit: To provide Indian faculty, researchers, and professionals residing in India the opportunity to teach, conduct research, or carry out a combination of lecturing and research at a U.S. institution in priority areas such as agricultural sciences, bio-engineering, climate change sciences, neurosciences, material sciences etc.

Applicant Eligibility: PhD with at least 5 years of relevant teaching/research experience.

Budget: Round-trip economy class air ticket, a monthly stipend, Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges per U.S. Government guidelines, a modest settling-in allowance, and a professional allowance.

Duration: 4-9 months

Deadline: 17th July, 2017

Weblink: <http://www.usief.org.in/Fellowships/Fulbright-Nehru-Academic-Professional-Excellence-Fellowships.aspx>

International Collaboration

Joint call for proposals on Technology for a Sustainable Healthcare (DBT/NWO, Netherlands)

Remit: To stimulate sustainable Indian-Dutch research collaboration by funding joint research projects in the area of medical devices that have the explicit goal to contribute to a more sustainable health care either in India or in Netherlands.

Applicant eligibility: Must consist of at least three consortium partners, one or two Dutch and two or more Indian research institutions. The consortium must comprise of a collaboration between medical research institutes and technical/engineering research institutes. The Indian PI should be researcher from public or private non-profit institution that develops and performs R&D activities.

Budget: Funds equipment/accessories, consumables, manpower, travel, workshop and contingency.

Deadline: 2nd May, 2017

Weblink: <http://www.dbtindia.nic.in/dbt-netherlands-joint-call/>

International Collaboration

Industry-Academia Research & Development Programme (IARDP) (CEFIPRA)

Remit: To support collaborative research projects between industry and Academia of France and India in all areas of technology of interest to the Industry.

Applicant eligibility: At least one industrial partner and one research institute each from India & France. Principal Collaborators and Joint Collaborators have to hold a permanent position as scientists/ Faculty members in universities/laboratories/institutes.

Budget: Up to Euro 200.000. Funds manpower, consumables, equipment (only for Indian institute collaborator), contingency and travel.

Duration: Up to 3 years

Deadline: 1st July, 2017

Weblink: http://www.cefipra.org/Industry_Academia.aspx

Collaborative Research Programme (CEFIPRA)

Remit: To support collaborative research projects between scientists in France and India in advanced areas of basic and applied science to nurture scientific competency.

Applicant eligibility: At least two scientists, one each from India and France as Principal Collaborators. Principal Collaborators and Joint Collaborators should have permanent position in an Indian or French University/R&D Institution.

Budget: Funds manpower, consumables, equipment and travel (international and domestic)

Duration: Up to 3 years

Deadline: 15th July, 2017

Weblink: <http://www.cefipra.org/section.aspx?catid=876&langid=1>



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International Collaboration

ASEAN-India collaborative R&D program (AISTDF)

Remit: To promote collaborative research projects among researchers of India and ASEAN countries in all disciplines of natural sciences, medicine, health, Mathematics, electronics & IT, science & technology

Applicant eligibility: Faculty member at eligible Indian/ ASEAN MS universities/ publicly funded research institutes. The total number of participants on each side should not exceed two.

Budget: Funds mobility of researchers from India to partnering ASEAN MS and vice versa. Limited funding for manpower, accessories, add-ons to existing equipment, chemicals and consumables.

Duration: 24-36 months

Deadline: Rolling scheme. Formal processing of the proposals shall start wef 1st Jan, 1st April, 1st July, 1st Oct each year.

Weblink: <http://dst.gov.in/sites/default/files/ASEAN-India%20Call%20for%20R%26amp%3BD%20proposals.pdf>

International Exchange

Call for Proposals: Support of Networking Activities/ Topping-up grant (DST/BELSPO, Belgium)

Remit: To enhance the scientific cooperation between researchers of India and Belgium through networking activities and to promote a sustainable cooperation (e.g. via joint research projects) in priority areas including exact sciences, life sciences (Medical, Ecosystems Biodiversity, Plant Molecular Biology) and earth Geo-Sciences.

Eligibility: Academicians who have already an on-going project grant are eligible to participate. Indian scientists, who are presently implementing more than one research projects supported from the International Division of the DST are not eligible to apply.

Budget: Funds bilateral networking activities such as organisation of study visits, seminars, workshops, setting up of joint experiments etc. International travel costs are borne by the respective sending country.

Deadline: 20th May, 2017

Weblink: <http://dst.gov.in/sites/default/files/Belgcall2017.pdf>

International Exchange

Research Internships In Science and Engineering (IUSSTF)

Remit: To provide unique opportunities for science, technology, engineering and medical students from the United States to undertake internships in national laboratories, federal research centers, academic research institutes, and private R & D laboratories in India.

Eligibility: US/Indian citizens. PhD and Master students currently enrolled at a regionally accredited institution of higher education in U.S.

Budget: Monthly stipend, accommodation, return airfare

Duration: 3 months

Deadline: 31st May, 2017

Weblink: <http://www.iusstf.org/story/53-49-Research-Internships-In-Science-and-Engineering.html>

Postdoctoral Fellowships

National Post Doctoral Fellowship, N-PDF (SERB)

Remit: Provides support to pursue postdoctoral research in frontier areas of science and engineering.

Applicant eligibility: Indian citizen, PhD. Applicants who have submitted their PhD/M.D/M.S thesis and are awaiting award of the degree are also eligible to apply. Age limit < 35 years.

Comment: The requirement for the applicant to have obtained PhD not before 2 years from the date of application has been removed. This revised eligibility criterion is effective from this call onwards.

Budget: Rs. 55,000/- per month (consolidated), research grant: Rs. 2,00,000/- per annum

Duration: 2 years (can be extended to 1 more year)

Deadline: 30th April, 2017

Weblink: <http://www.serb.gov.in/npdf.php>

Travel

2017 travel grants for early-career researchers (eLife)

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

Budget: \$1,000

Eligibility: 5 years research experience, authored or co-authored a research paper (published or accepted) at eLife.

Deadline: 3rd April & 5th June 2017 (Biochemistry/ Biophysics and Structural Biology, Computational and systems biology, Cell & developmental Biology, Stem cells, Epidemiology, Medicine) and 1st May & 3rd July, 2017 (Immunology/ Microbiology, cancer biology, genomics, neuroscience, ecology & evolution, Plant biology)

Weblink: <https://elifesciences.org/elife-news/inside-elife-2017-travel-grants-early-career-researchers-now-open-applications>



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Travel

Ravi Sankaran Fellowship Program Internship (Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation)

Remit: To fund one or two recipients to carry out an internship with a university research group, NGO, government agency, or other organisation, known for its work in conservation science and practice in a country other than India.

Applicant eligibility: Indian national with demonstrated interest in wildlife ecology and conservation. Age limit < 30 years.

Budget: Stipend, internship fees, to-and-fro international travel (upto USD 1,500 for travel).

Duration: 6 weeks to 1 year

Deadline: 15th April, 2017

Weblink: <http://www.ravisankaran.org/the-fellowship/fellowships/>

Raman - Charpak Fellowship (CEFIPRA)

Remit: To support doctoral Indian and French students by providing them an opportunity to carry out part of their research work in a University / Research Institute based in France or India respectively.

Applicant eligibility: Indian citizens residing in India, registered for a PhD in a recognized university or research institution in India. Age limit < 30 years.

Budget: Fellowship Support of 1500 Euros per month for daily expenses, local travel, accommodation charges plus Social Security charges.

Duration: 2-6 months

TBA: April 2017. Deadline likely to be in May, 2017.

Weblink: http://www.cefipra.org/Raman_Charpak.aspx

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, The Journal of Experimental Biology, and Disease Models & Mechanisms)

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

Agency Deadline: 31st May, 2017

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

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: 9th June, 2017

Weblink: <http://www.biologists.com/grants/>

Seminars/Workshops/Training Schools (CEFIPRA)

Remit: To fund seminars/workshops in topics of current relevance and interest to both India and France in the areas of Science & Technology.

Applicant eligibility: Seminar proposal must be jointly submitted by a French and an Indian coordinator. The event should be held either in India or in France. The event can have a maximum of 25-30 participants from the host country and 10-15 participants from the other country.

Budget: Funds for domestic and international travel and logistics, arrangements relevant to the event. Upto ~Rs. 20 lakhs.

Agency Deadline: 15th July, 2017

Weblink: http://www.cefipra.org/Seminars_and_Workshops.aspx

Rolling schemes

Explorer Awards-Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI)

Remit: To improve the understanding, diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders (ASD) by funding innovative research of the highest quality and relevance.

Applicant eligibility: All applicants and key collaborators must hold a Ph.D., M.D. or equivalent degree and have a faculty position or the equivalent at a college, university, medical school or other research facility. There are no citizenship or country requirements.

Budget: Upto \$70,000

Duration: 1 year

Weblink: <https://sfari.org/funding/grants/explorer-awards-rfa>



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Rolling Schemes

Hamied Visiting Fellowship (Cambridge-India)

Remit: To support faculty exchange in order to strengthen existing collaborations between India and Cambridge

Applicant eligibility: Researchers at Indian universities with an existing academic relationship with colleagues at the University of Cambridge

Budget: Travel, transfers and accommodation.

Duration: 1-2 weeks

Weblink: <http://www.cambridge-india.org/funding-opportunities/hamied-visiting-fellowship>

High Risk High Award (SERB)

Remit: To support proposals that are conceptually new and risky, and if successful, expected to have a paradigm shifting influence on science and technology.

Applicant eligibility: PhD, Indian nationals holding a regular academic appointment in India

Budget: not defined

Duration: 3-5 years

Comments: Call is now open. Submission through online web portal of SERB

Weblink: <http://www.serb.gov.in/hrhrr.php>

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>



FORTHCOMING DEADLINES

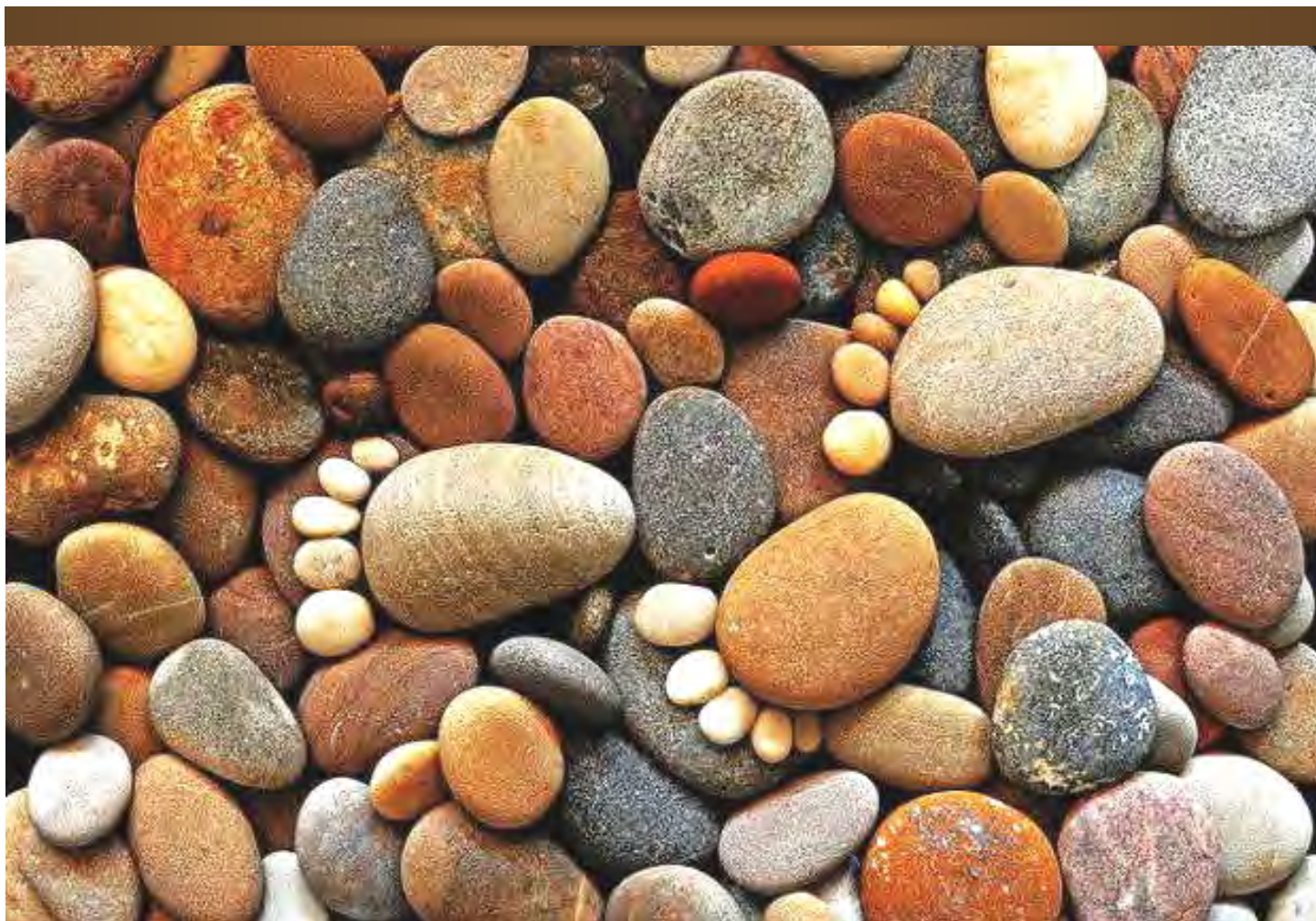
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