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## Fellowship

The department of biotechnology (DBT) has invited applications for "Tata Innovation Fellowship", a highly competitive scheme instituted to recognize and reward scientists with outstanding track record in biological sciences and a deep commitment to find innovative solutions to major problems in health care, agriculture and other areas related to lifesciences and biotechnology.

The fellowship is open to Indian Nationals residing in India, who are below the age of 55 years as on 21st November, 2014. The applicant should possess a PhD degree in LifeSciences, Agriculture, Veterinary Science or a Master's degree in Medical Sciences, Engineering or an equivalent degree in Biotechnology or related areas.

As per notification from DBT, the candidate must have a regular permanent position in a University/Institute/ Organization and should be engaged in research and development. The applicant should have spent at least 5 years in India before applying for the fellowship. Evidence of outstanding track record and a deep commitment to find innovative solutions to major problems in health care, agriculture and other areas related to life sciences and biotechnology.

The amount of the fellowship is Rs 25,000/- per month in addition to regular salary from the host institute. If an awardee is receiving salary from international organization, he will be entitled for research grant i.e. contingency only. In addition, each Fellow will receive a contingency grant of Rs. 6.00 lakh per annum for meeting the expenses on consumables, equipment, international and domestic travel, manpower and other contingent expenditure to be incurred in connection with the implementation of ongoing research project under the fellowship.

The total duration is of three years, extendable further by two years on a fresh appraisal. The last date to apply is 31st December, 2014.