

INSA – JRD TATA FELLOWSHIP

Introduction

Indian National Science Academy, a premier scientific organization in India representing all branches of Science and Technology, has instituted the INSA-JRD TATA FELLOWSHIP in honour of the late JRD Tata, visionary and a leading industrialist. The INSA JRD-TATA Fellowship is coordinated by the Centre for International Co-operation in Science (CICS) (Formerly CCSTDS). The objective of this Fellowship is to extend facilities of advanced scientific infrastructure and expertise of India to scientists and researchers of developing countries. The Fellowship has been established from an Endowment received from Sir Dorabji Tata Trust with the aim of providing advanced research training to scientists from other developing countries and to promote south-south co-operation.

Scope and Duration of Fellowship

The Fellowship provides an opportunity for young scientists, teachers and researchers from the developing countries to undertake research studies in India. It covers short-term, participatory research studies in all major disciplines of science and technology including engineering and medical sciences at premier research institutions in India. The Fellowship awardees are provided considerable freedom in availing the opportunity and formulating the contents of their research work in India.

About 10 Fellowships are awarded annually. The Fellowship Applications will be scrutinized twice a year in May and November by a selection committee. The Fellowship covers return airfare from place of work in their home country to place of work in India, boarding and lodging at the affiliated institution/s, and an adequate allowance in Indian currency to cover incidental expenses. The maximum period of award will be for **three** months.

The awardees are allowed to choose a fellowship period mutually convenient to them and the host institute.

On successful completion of the program, the awardees are required to submit a brief report to the centre and participate in subsequent feedback requirements on the usefulness of the program in their home country.

Eligibility

Applicant (other than Indian) possessing Doctorate or Master's Degree in Science or equivalent degree in Engineering/ Medicine and allied disciplines, below 45 years of age (as on 31 December of the previous year of selection) affiliated to a scientific or academic institution in a developing country (Other than India).

Applicant must possess a valid passport.

Applicant must have acceptance from the Indian Host Institution for his research training in India under INSA JRD-TATA Fellowship (as per the format).

Guidelines

- ◆ The prescribed application can be downloaded from CICS website:
<http://www.cics.tn.nic.in>
- ◆ The last date for receipt of the applications are **30th April and 31st October in a calendar year**
- ◆ List of enclosures to accompany the application:-
 - a) A detailed curriculum vitae containing the date of birth & age, applicant's research interest and experience, publications (only those in referred journals), present position, scientific affiliations, awards and scholarships etc.
 - b) A brief write-up describing the proposed research work.
 - c) Reprints of 5 best publications (past 5 years)
 - d) Two passport size photographs.
 - e) Copy of degree certificate for highest qualification.
 - f) A letter of consent from Parent Institution
 - g) Copy of first page of passport showing date of birth, date of issue and date of expiry
 - h) Letter of acceptance from the Host Institution in India (Please obtain acceptance letter from the Host Institute as per the format in the pg 6)
- ◆ Applications should be forwarded by the competent authority.
- ◆ Selected candidates must obtain permission from their parent institutions for undergoing training in India
- ◆ Selected candidates must obtain Indian Visa for the proposed period of research upon advice from CICS.

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FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST		
Date of Birth	DD	MM	YY	Sex	
Nationality				Male	Female
Institutional Address					
Present Position					
Phone			Fax		
E-mail					
Passport Details	Passport Number	Date of Issue	Place of Issue	Validity period	

II ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

(Master's degree onwards)

Year	Degree	Institution	Grade

Other Qualification (if any)

III CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Areas of Research	
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No. of papers published (In refereed Journals)	
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IV PROPOSED RESEARCH PROGRAM

Topic and Area of Research Proposed:
(Attach one page summary of the Research Proposal)

No.	Host Institution in India (Attach letter of acceptance)
1.	
2.	
3.	

Preferred Period of work from (Date format given below)

DD	MM	YY	to	DD	mm	YY

V FOREIGN TRAVEL PARTICULARS

No.	Year	Country Visited	Purpose of visit	Funding Agency
1.				
2				
3				
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Other details (if any)

Applicant's Signature

Date

Forwardal by
Head of Institution with Signature & Office Stamp

Completed application along with necessary enclosures should be sent as soft copy to the email address dircics@gmail.com followed by postal copy addressed to Director, CICS, No. 2, Gandhi Mandapam Road, Chennai-600 025, India.

SAMPLE ACCEPTANCE LETTER FOR HOST INSTITUTIONS

The Director/ Head of department/Coordinator at the HOST institution is requested to sign the letter. Informal communication exchanged with potential host supervisors can be submitted, but it will **not** be considered as formal evidence of institutional acceptance.

<p>HOST INSTITUTION'S LETTERHEAD</p> <p>Department's name Institutional address Tel and fax numbers E-mail address</p> <p>Candidate's Name Designation Institutional Address of Parent Organization in Home Country Country of citizenship</p> <p>[Place and Date]</p> <p>Dear _____ [candidate's name and surname],</p> <p>This is to inform you that, If you are selected for the INSA JRD-TATA Fellowship award (sponsored by Indian National Science Academy(INSA), New Delhi and Co-ordinated by CICS, Chennai), we will be happy to accept you for research training on the title " _____ " for duration of three months under the mentorship of _____ at this department/institution.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>_____ Signature and seal of Director/ Head of department/ coordinator</p> <p><i>N.B. The letter cannot be accepted without a signature.</i></p>
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