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CSIR Bhatnagar Fellowship

The CSIR Bhatnagar Fellowship recognises outstanding Indian scientists and technologists and supports their research and technology work for a period of three years, extendable by two more.

What you may get

For a retired awardee the fellowship equals the last pay drawn after adjusting any pension, and awardees still in service get no fellowship. An annual grant of up to Rs 40 lakh goes through the host institute, with set monthly limits such as Rs 45,000 for secretarial support and Rs 50,000 for housing, and travel up to Rs 5 lakh a year. Up to six fellows are chosen each year, and at most thirty at a time.

Who it is for

Leading Indian scientists and technologists, including Overseas Citizens of India and Persons of Indian Origin working in India, who are nominated by the authorities named in the guidelines.

Main conditions

- The fellowship recognises ongoing impactful work, mainly in the last 10 years, shown through publications, patents, technology transfer, honours and awards.
- Self-nomination is not accepted. A nominee must be proposed by someone such as a president of a national science academy, a vice chancellor, a director of a CSIR laboratory or institute like IISc, IIT or AIIMS, a secretary of a science department, a head of DRDO, ISRO, ICAR or ICMR, a head of an industry body like CII or FICCI, or a former Bhatnagar Fellow.
- The awardee is expected to link with a CSIR mission or thrust area, or an area of interest to CSIR.
- The fellowship is a full-time research and development engagement in India and is not re-employment.

Documents

- Nomination in the prescribed proforma
- Past research contributions of the nominee and a future plan of work in a CSIR mission or thrust area

How to apply

1. Individuals cannot apply. A qualified nominator sends the nomination to CSIR-HRDG in the prescribed proforma once a call for nominations is announced on the CSIR-HRDG website.
2. Post one hard copy and email one PDF copy to the Head of CSIR-HRDG at CSIR Complex, Library Avenue, Pusa, New Delhi 110012.
3. A screening committee shortlists the nominations and a search-cum-selection committee recommends the fellows. The Vice-President of CSIR approves the award.

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