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CSIR Emeritus Scientist Scheme

CSIR supports retired outstanding scientists to carry on research in their field with a monthly allowance, a research grant and help from research fellows.

What you may get

A Scientist Allowance of Rs 20,000 a month for the whole tenure, a suitable contingent grant every year and technical help in the form of research fellows or associates. The scheme is first sanctioned for three years and can be extended by two years.

Who it is for

Retired scientists who are acknowledged experts in their field and were actively doing research in the five years before they retired.

Main conditions

- The scientist must be an acknowledged expert in the field and must have been actively doing scientific research during the five years before retirement.
- The quality of publications in the last five years of service, and honours and awards, are the main selection criteria.
- The scheme applies up to 65 years of age. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar awardees and fellows of the national science and engineering academies are not bound by this limit and may get five years.
- An Emeritus Scientist who accepts another fellowship, honorarium or employment loses the sanction.
- The research is done at a host institution that certifies that the core facilities are available.

How to apply

1. Submit the application online on the Emeritus Scientist Scheme Portal linked from the CSIR-HRDG scheme page. Applications are taken at any time of the year.
2. Send it to the CSIR Human Resource Development Group through the executive authority of the host institution.
3. CSIR sends the proposal to referees and then to a Standing Committee that meets about twice a year.
4. If the proposal is approved, CSIR and the host institution are informed through a sanction letter with the allowance, fellows, contingency and equipment grants. The offer lapses if you do not join within a year.

Status

Ongoing

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