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DHR NRI/PIO/OCI Research Support Programme

A contractual research position for scientists of Indian origin working abroad who want to return to India, full time or for a short stay, to do health research with an Indian collaborator.

What you may get

Rs 1.2 lakh per month as a consolidated stipend for 3 years, with a project research grant capped at Rs 20 lakh per year. The project can be extended by 2 years with the grant but no stipend.

Who it is for

NRIs, persons of Indian origin and OCI holders working abroad with a PhD or MD in a health research topic, below 45 years of age, and have researched abroad for at least three years.

Main conditions

- The applicant must be a person of Indian origin, an NRI or an OCI holder, currently working abroad.
- The applicant needs an MD, MS, MDS or similar degree with a PhD in a health research topic, and has done research abroad for three years.
- The applicant must be below 45 years of age, with age relaxation for SC, ST, OBC and physically challenged candidates as per government norms.
- The research plan must be made together with a regular faculty member of an Indian institute.

How to apply

1. Find a regular faculty member of an Indian research institute or medical college as a collaborator.
2. Prepare a research proposal in a priority area of health research.
3. Send the proposal when DHR announces the call.
4. An expert committee set up by the DHR Secretary selects the projects.

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