



Dear Mrs Sounik,

The Scheme for '**Human Resource Development for Health Research**' (HRD Scheme) under **Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** is intended to create a pool of talented health research personnel in the country by upgrading skills of faculty of Medical colleges by specialized training in priority areas of health research. Under the HRD Scheme, fellowships for Short Term (1-3 months) and Long Term (6-12 months) training in Indian and foreign Institutes are provided to medical and non-medical faculty of medical colleges/ research institutions/universities etc. In addition to fellowships, research projects as start-up grants are also considered for each fellow after the completion of training. Financial assistance is also accorded to Institutions for up-gradation of training infrastructure. The scheme also has a separate component specifically for training of women scientists who have had break in their career, emerging young scientists and Non-resident Indians (NRIs), Persons of Indian Origin (PIO), Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) serving abroad in health research activities so that they can come back to India for undertaking research in identified areas.

2. The individuals intended to be benefited under the HRD Scheme include regular faculty of Govt. Medical colleges/ Institutions and scientists in regular employment in the universities, medical colleges, postgraduate institutions, recognized research and development laboratories and NGOs. Government institutions and private institutions/ NGOs registered with the DSIR, Govt. of India and various Scientific/Professional Bodies & Associations like the National Academy of Medical Sciences, Indian National Science Academy are also supported under the scheme.

3. The priority areas of research identified for the scheme include Toxicology, Genomics, Proteomics, Geriatrics, Stem Cell Research, Clinical Trials, Good Clinical Practices (GCP), Biotechnology, Genetics, Operational Research, Health Informatics, Medical Ethics, Health Economics and any other area that needs support as per National Health Policy.

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4. You are requested to disseminate the Guidelines of HRD Scheme among the Principals of all the Government Medical Colleges in your state. The faculty of Medical Colleges where research infrastructure in the form of Multi-disciplinary Research Units (MRU)/ Model Rural Health Research Units (MRHRU)/ Viral Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDL) have been established/approved by DHR will be given priority for training under the HRD Scheme. Short Term Fellowship in Indian Institutes for four senior faculty members and Long Term Fellowship in Indian Institutes for two young faculty members of these medical colleges per year may be considered in the Scheme. The objective is to develop trained human resources in these newly established research units. The list of Medical Colleges where MRU/MRHRU/VRDL are being implemented in your state is available on DHR website. These colleges may be encouraged, to send applications of eligible faculty members for fellowships under various sub-components of the HRD Scheme. A nodal officer with contact details from the state government may also be nominated for further correspondence.

5. It is also requested that the HRD Scheme may also be disseminated to various Research Institutes/ Universities/ NGOs (recognised by DSIR) involved in health research in your state, encouraging them to apply.

6. The detailed guidelines regarding eligibility criteria, financial components including the formats of application are available on www.dhr.gov.in and www.icmr.nic.in. For further details, Dr. R.B. Gupta, Scientist F, Indian Council of Medical Research, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi [Phone no. 011-26589699, 9871742262; e-mail: rasikbg@gmail.com] and Dr Harsimran Kaur, Scientist C, PMIU-DHR [Phone no.011-23736088, 9818014446; e-mail: dhrpmu3@gmail.com] may be contacted.

with regards

Thanking You,

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