

# Kerala Biotechnology Re-Entry Fellowship

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## Benefits (Kerala Biotechnology Re-Entry Fellowship)

- Fellow entitled for a monthly remuneration of ■1,00,000/
- and ■18,500/
- as HRA per month. Annual research /contingency grant of ■7.5 lakh each for the first and second year and ■ 5 lakh each for the subsequent 3 years. Host Institution may provide medical benefits, transport allowance, and other benefits as per the prevailing norms applicable to their employees of the equivalent rank out of their own resources/ funds.

## Eligibility (Kerala Biotechnology Re-Entry Fellowship)

- The applicant should possess a Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent degree and at least three years of post
- doctoral research experience in premier research laboratories abroad with an outstanding track record of research in biotechnology
- related areas as reflected in publications and other recognitions. Only candidates (Indian nationals) working overseas who are below 45 years of age are eligible
- relaxable for 3 years for OBC and 5 years for SC/ST/PH candidates. The fellowship is tenable at any reputed institution in Kerala.

## Application Process (Kerala Biotechnology Re-Entry Fellowship)

- The applications are invited through advertisement and to be submitted online when notified.

- Scrutiny of the Application: Applications will be screened by an expert committee consisting of experts nominated by the Commission.
- Short-listed candidates will have to appear for an interview /presentation which can be either in person or through Skype or similar Tele-mode.
- Selected candidates have to execute an agreement accepting the terms and conditions of the Award and must join the Host Institution within three months' time.
- Presentation before Programme Advisory Committee (PAC): The expert committee assesses the content and objectives of the proposed work.
- The decision of Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE) based on the recommendations of the expert committee on such proposals shall be final.
- Contact Details: The Scientist-in-charge Kerala Biotechnology Commission Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE), Sasthra Bhavan, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram – 695 004 Telephone: (0471) 2548406, 2548254, E-mail: kbc.kscste@kerala.gov.in, biotechkerala@gmail.com

### **Documents Required (Kerala Biotechnology Re-Entry Fellowship)**

- 1. Identity proof of applicant 2. Passport size photographs 3. Educational certificates 4. Community Certificate for SC/ST/OBC applicants (If applicable) 5. Disability certificate (If applicable) 6. "Terms & Conditions"
- duly signed 7. Certificate from the Host Institution ■

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