

# SERB Research Scientist Scheme

## Details (SERB Research Scientist Scheme)

The INSPIRE Faculty Scheme of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the Ramanujan Fellowship Scheme of the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) offer opportunities for young scientists to initiate and sustain research careers in various fields of science and engineering. These schemes do not offer an extension of the fellowship after the completion of five years. In order to provide a platform for the sustainment of their research for some more time, the SERB Board has recently approved a new 'SERB Research Scientist (SRS) Scheme' for the awardees of INSPIRE Faculty and Ramanujan Fellowships, who fail to secure regular positions after completion of the regular tenure of five years in the respective schemes. The scheme provides an opportunity for them to continue their research activities and also to explore regular positions during the intervening period. Objective: Identify and provide a platform for sustainment of the research career of INSPIRE Faculty and Ramanujan Fellows for an additional period of two years after completion of the regular tenure of five years in the respective schemes.

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## Important Features (SERB Research Scientist Scheme)

- The support link is broken after the end of the tenure of the respective fellowships.

## Benefits (SERB Research Scientist Scheme)

- The "SERB Research Scientists" will be entitled to receive the grants as given below: Sl. No. Budget Head Amount 1 Emolument \* Consolidated amount of ₹1,20,000/
- per month 2 Research Grant ₹7,00,000/
- per annum 3 Overheads ₹1,00,000/
- per annum \* All Inclusive Note 01: Research grants can be used for minor equipment, consumables, contingencies, and travel. There is no provision for providing manpower support under this scheme. The Research Scientist is expected to undertake the research objectives by himself/herself during the entire duration of the SRS Scheme. Note 02: The SERB Research Scientists are not eligible to receive any other research project/fellowship from any Government or Non
- Governmental source during the tenure of the Scheme. Note 03: The SERB Research Scientists must seek the consent of SERB if he/she intends to be away from the implementing institute (except for field work related to the project) continuously for a period of more than eight weeks. Leave: SERB Research Scientists are entitled to leave as per the rules of the host institution. Participation in scientific workshops held in India or abroad will be treated as on duty. Maternity leave as per the Govt. of India instructions issued from time to time would be available to female candidates in all categories.

## Eligibility (SERB Research Scientist Scheme)

- The scheme is open only to INSPIRE Faculty and Ramanujan Fellows.
- The applicant should have completed or nearing completion of the tenure of INSPIRE Faculty of DST or Ramanujan Fellowship of SERB.
- The upper age limit for INSPIRE Faculty/Ramanujan Fellows is 40 years at the time of submission of application.
- SRS can be availed only once by a candidate in his/her career.
- Note 01: The SRS Scheme will be made effective only after the completion of the tenure of the respective INSPIRE Faculty/Ramanujan Fellowship.
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- Note 03: The SRS is tenable only in India and can be implemented in any of the recognized academic institutions, national laboratories and other recognized R & D institutions.
- The host institution should provide necessary administrative and infrastructural support.

- Note 04: The Faculty/Fellow can either implement the SRS Scheme from the present host institution or opt to choose a different host institution that is suitable to the objectives of the proposed research work.
- Note 05: The SRSs will not be allowed to work at the same Department/institution where the candidates have earned their PhD/M.S./M.D degree.
- Note 06: The SRS is purely a temporary and contractual assignment, and is tenable for a period of 2 years, extendable to one more year, subject to performance evaluation.
- Under any circumstances, the support is not extendable beyond three years.

## **Application Process (SERB Research Scientist Scheme)**

- Application Procedure: Step 01 : The application for SRS will be opened throughout the year.
- The details of SRS will be notified through the websites [www.serb.gov.in](http://www.serb.gov.in) , [www.serbonline.in](http://www.serbonline.in) and [www.dst.gov.in](http://www.dst.gov.in) .
- Step 02: Application shall be submitted within six months before or after completion of regular tenure of the schemes.
- However, previous batches may be allowed to apply now at the opening of this new scheme.
- Note 03: The application should be prepared and submitted strictly according to the formats prescribed in this document (Annexure I), the said Annexure can be downloaded from the official website .
- Note 04: The candidates should submit 3 copies of the application printed on both sides of A4 size paper and send to: Dr.
- Harish Kumar, Scientist F Science and Engineering Research Board 3rd & 4th floor, Block –II, Technology Bhawan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi- 110016, INDIA
- Step 05: A softcopy of the proposal complete in all respects should also be mailed to [harishkumar@nic.in](mailto:harishkumar@nic.in) Note: The envelope/mail containing the application should be superscribed with “SERB Research Scientist (Specify the area\*)” [\* Chemical Sciences, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences]
- Selection Procedure: The application will be evaluated by a Selection Committee constituted for the purpose.
- The Committee may consider the performance evaluation by the relevant subject expert committee during the tenure of the INSPIRE Faculty/Ramanujan Fellowship Scheme.
- If required, the applicants may be called for personal interviews.

## **Documents Required (SERB Research Scientist Scheme)**

- 1. Passport size photograph 2. Bio-data of the applicant 3. Age Proof Certificate 4. Qualification Certificate 5. Award Letter (INSPIRE Faculty/Ramanujan Fellow) 6. Undertaking Certificate by the applicant 7. Endorsement Certificate from the Host Institute