

# **ASEAN-India Research Training Fellowship**

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## **Benefits (ASEAN-India Research Training Fellowship)**

- 1. Full financial assistance will be provided to the selected Fellows which includes the following:
  - a) Round trip international airfare by lowest economy class and by the shortest route from the international airport in the home country of the applicant to the international airport nearest to the host institution in India
  - visa fees, overseas medical insurance, etc. b) A consolidated Fellowship amount of Indian Rupees (INR) 60,000/
  - per month. c) One
  - time grant of INR 40,000/
  - as research contingency expenses, airport transfers, domestic travel for attending scientific /events, and field trips within India. d) Institutional overhead charges @ INR 2,500/
  - per month. e) The allowance as in (a), (b) & (c) will be released to the host institution in India for disbursement to the Fellow. The host Institution will arrange appropriate accommodation for the Fellow on a payment basis. 2. The selected Fellow is advised to take an appropriate policy for health insurance coverage for the period of stay in India. The cost of obtaining an overseas insurance policy is covered and reimbursable under AISTDF. 3. Individual Fellow, or his/ her government/institution, is required to bear the following costs: a) All expenses in the home country incidental to travel abroad, including expenditure incurred to obtain passport and visa and for medical examinations and vaccinations as may be required as well as other miscellaneous expenses such as internal travel to/ from the international airport of departure in the home country. b) Salary and other related allowances in the home country, if applicable, during the Fellowship period. 4. Neither the AISTDF nor the host institution in India will assume any responsibility whatsoever for the following expenditure of the Fellows during the tenure of the Fellowship: a) Compensation in the event of death, disability, or loss of personal belongings or compensation for damage caused by climatic or other conditions. b) Travel and other costs incurred by the dependents, who might accompany the Fellows.

## **Eligibility (ASEAN-India Research Training Fellowship)**

- Indian nationals are not eligible for the Fellowship. Applicant must be holding the nationality of any of the ASEAN Member Countries. Applicant should possess at least a Master's Degree in any Natural Sciences or an equivalent degree in Technology/Engineering/Medicine / allied disciplines. Applicant should be working/studying and/or affiliated with any national R&D; or academic institution in his/her home ASEAN Member Country. The application should be endorsed by the Head of his/her institution confirming that if selected, he/ she will be sanctioned leave for the Fellowship period and will join his/ her duties back in the institution on completion of the Fellowship in India. The upper age limit for the applicant is 45 years as of the date of submission of the application. The applicant should be fluent in the English language. ASEAN applicants who have availed of any fellowship scheme of the Government of India during the last 3 years are not ELIGIBLE to apply. The proposed research work in India must be linked/ connected and add value to any of the ongoing research projects/schemes of the Indian host Institute. Note 01: It is strongly advised that the applicant, in his/ her interest, should make prior contact with an Indian institution, where work is in progress in his/her area of interest, or with a concerned scientist in India, and obtain consent that the applicant, if selected for the Fellowship, will be accepted to work in the institution on the proposed research project. A copy of such consent letter should be enclosed with the application. Note 02: In this connection, a suggestive list of Indian academic and R&D; institutions has been enclosed with this Announcement to help the applicant, but the applicant is free to contact any other institution in India for his/her affiliation. Note 03: Securing prior consent from an Indian institution/scientist does not guarantee the selection of an applicant. All applications received shall be scrutinized scientifically by DST. DST shall make the final decision based on the quality of the research proposal submitted by the applicant, the applicant's academic merit, and available slots in the Fellowship scheme. Obligations of the AI
- RTF fellows: The Fellows will observe the regulations and procedures stipulated below. If they fail to do so, the Fellowship shall be withdrawn. During their tenures, Fellows shall not, either in or outside the host institution, infringe in any way on the human rights of others, including racial or gender discrimination or other forms of abuse. Fellows shall stay in India continuously during the tenure of the fellowship and concentrate on their scientific work at the host institution. Fellows shall not engage in other work, either paid or unpaid, during their tenure. The Fellows shall follow the rules of the host institution and shall not undertake any acts of research misconduct, e.g., fabricating or falsifying research results and misuse of research funds. A Fellow shall submit a fellowship completion research report to the DST/FICCI and ASEAN Secretariat on completion of his/ her tenure. ( Format for AI RTF completion report ) Transfer of any type of biological material during the tenure of availing the Fellowship is NOT permissible.

## **Application Process (ASEAN-India Research Training Fellowship)**

- Step 01: The applications are to be submitted only ONLINE at [www.aistic.gov.in](http://www.aistic.gov.in) .
- Step 02: Applicants should first register in the ASEAN online portal.
- Click here to register ■ Step 03: After successfully registration, the applicant may login to apply for the fellowship.
- Step 04: Applicants are required to fill all the mandatory fields in the Profile Detail section under User Profile, which includes Bio-data, photo, Institute Address, etc.
- Step 05: Some of the details of the proposal like Project Title, Project summary, Keywords, Objectives of the project, Expected output and outcome of the proposal, etc.
- have to be entered at the time of proposal submission.
- Step 06: After verifying all the filled details, the applicant may submit the application form.
- Note 01: Other relevant information of the proposal has to be uploaded as a single PDF file, not more than 10 MB.
- Note 02: The hard copies of the application are not required.
- Note 03 : The applications submitted through any other form or channel shall not be considered.
- For More Information About the AI-RTF program, please contact Ms.
- Sadia Khan ([sadiah.khan@ficci.com](mailto:sadia.khan@ficci.com)).

## **Documents Required (ASEAN-India Research Training Fellowship)**

- Documents to be submitted during application submission: 1. C.V. of Applicant 2. C.V. of Indian host 3. Copy of relevant pages of valid Passport 4. A copy of the endorsement letter from the present employer in the prescribed format ■ 5. A copy of the acceptance letter from any Indian scientist/ institution for hosting the applicant

- if selected
- prescribed format ■ Documents to be submitted after fellowship approval: 1. Letter of acceptance by Parent Institute ( Format ) 2. Letter of consent by Indian Host Institute ( Format ) 3. RTGS details of Indian Host Institute ( Endorsed by Institute) ( Format ) 4. Itinerary options (Tickets to be booked by AI-RTF Secretariat) ( Format ) 5. Joining notification (By Indian Host Institution) ( Format )

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