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"Ramanujan Fellowship" is meant for brilliant Indian scientists and engineers from outside India to take up scientific research positions in India, those Indian scientists/engineers who want to return to India from abroad. The fellowship is scientist-specific and very selective. The Ramanujan Fellows could work in any of the scientific institutions and universities in the country and they would be eligible for receiving regular research grants through the extramural funding schemes of various S&T agencies of the Government of India.

**Duration of Fellowship:** The duration of the fellowship will be for five years, and not extendable.

**Benefits** The amount of the Fellowship will be â, '1,35,000/- per month (consolidated including HRA). Each Fellow will, in addition, receive a research grant of â, '7.00 lakh per annum (for consumables, travel, research personnel & contingencies, etc.) and â, '60,000/- per annum as overhead charges. The Ramanujan Fellows will be eligible to receive regular research grants through the extramural funding schemes of various S&T agencies of the Government of India.

**Eligibility** The fellowship is open to brilliant Indian scientists and engineers from all over the world who are below the age of 40 years, who want to return to India from abroad. The applicant should possess a higher degree or equivalent, such as a Ph.D. in Science/Engineering, Master in Engineering or Technology/MD in Medicine, etc., and have adequate professional experience. These Fellowships are very selective and only those who have a proven/outstanding track record as evident from their research publications and recognitions would be eligible. In case a fellow is offered a permanent position, he/she will be ineligible for the fellowship. This fellowship is meant for working in new areas and laboratories in order to expand their research capabilities, other than the one, where the candidate has obtained his/her doctorate degree.

**Nominations** from the Ph.D. guides of the candidate and nominations from the same institute where they opted for their Ph.D, will not be considered. The age of the candidate should not be more than 40 years. The candidate should be working abroad at the time of his nomination for the fellowship. The Fellowship is only for those scientists who are not holding any permanent/tenure track/contractual position in any Indian Institute/University.

**Note:** In case the selected fellow gets any position such as permanent, tenure track, or contractual position, he/she, will become ineligible for receiving fellowship including a research grant and overhead under the fellowship, and has to relinquish the Ramanujan fellowship in total.

**Application Process**

**Online Methodology for Nomination & Selection:**

**Step 01:** The scientists can choose to work at any S&T Institution including University Departments or other Academic Institutions and National Laboratories in India, provided the Institution at which they wish to pursue research is willing to provide the necessary administrative and R&D basic infrastructural support to facilitate research.

**Step 02:** Individual Scientists and Technologists should approach the Institutions of his/her choice to host them for the fellowship and forward their nominations to SERB for the fellowship.

**Step 03:** Selection of Ramanujan Fellows will be made periodically by an empowered Search-cum-Selection Committee specially appointed for the purpose.

**Note 01:** Ramanujan Fellowship nominations are accepted throughout the year.

**Note 02:** This fellowship is meant for working in new areas and laboratories in order to expand their research capabilities, other than the one, where the candidate has obtained his/her doctorate degree.

**Note 03:** Nominations from Ph.D. guides of the candidate and nominations from the same institute where they opted for their Ph.D, will not be considered.

**Online Application Procedure:**

**Step 01:** The Nominee needs to register in the SERB online portal, [www.serbonline.in](http://www.serbonline.in), click here to register.

**Step 02:** After login, the Nominee needs to fill in all the mandatory fields in the Profile Details section under User Profile which includes Photo, Institution, Address, etc.

**Step 03:** Under Form Submission, choose Scheme: Ramanujan Fellowship, and fill out the Ramanujan Fellowship nomination form which includes details of Nominee Details, Qualification Details, Nominator Details, etc.

**Step 04:** Proposed area of research and a brief outline of the proposal of the Nominee to be uploaded in a single PDF file not more than 5 pages.

**Step 05:** After filling in the details, the Nominee should click on "Send to Nominator".

**Step 06:** Nominators will receive intimation via email with a link to the SERB online portal, to view the filled-in Ramanujan Fellowship Nomination form.

**Step 07:** The nominator can choose to submit the nomination to SERB or resend the form to the Nominee for any revision.

**Step 08:** Once submitted, the Nominee and Nominator will receive an intimation regarding the successful submission.

**Contact Details:**

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**Documents Required**

1. Passport-size Photograph
2. Proof of age
3. Details of Education
4. Details of Awards/Honors (If any)
5. Details of Publication
6. Details of the Patent filed, granted or commercialized
7. Nomination Letter (On letter head, duly signed and stamped)
8. CV of Nominee
9. Plagiarism undertaking
10. Any other document, as required

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Is the grants received under Ramanujan Fellowship taxable?** Yes, the Grant received under Ramanujan Fellowship is taxable as per I.T. rules.

**To whom the Ramanujan Fellowship is meant for or what is the aim of initiating the Ramanujan Fellowship?** The Ramanujan Fellowship is meant for brilliant Indian scientists and engineers from all over the world to take up scientific positions in India and for those Indian scientists who want to return to India from abroad. The Fellowship is scientist-specific and very selective.

**How can a person apply for the Ramanujan Fellowship?** Individual Scientists and Technologists working abroad should approach the Institutions of his/her choice for hosting them for the fellowship. The nominee will then fill out his application through the serb online portal [serbonline.in](http://serbonline.in) and submit it to his nominator who will verify the application and then submit the nomination to SERB through online portal only.

**What are the areas covered under Ramanujan Fellowship?** All Areas of Science (in the broadest terms) are covered by this Fellowship.

**Which are the institutes and universities where the Ramanujan Fellow can work?** The Ramanujan Fellows can work in any of the scientific institutions and universities in the country other than the institute where he/she has obtained his/her doctorate degree.

**Is Ramanujan fellow eligible to apply for Core Research grant proposal?** Yes, Ramanujan fellows are eligible to apply for Core Research grant proposal.

**What are the eligibility criteria for applying for Ramanujan Fellowship?** Following are the eligibility criteria for applying Ramanujan Fellowship: The fellowship is open to brilliant Indian scientists and engineers from all over the world who are below the age of 40 years, who wants to return to India from abroad. The applicant should possess a higher degree or equivalent, such as Ph.D. in Science/Engineering, Masters in Engineering or Technology/MD in Medicine, etc. and have adequate professional experience. These Fellowships are very selective and only those who have a proven/outstanding track-record as evident from their research publications and recognitions would be eligible. In case a fellow is offered a permanent position, he/she will be in-eligible for the fellowship. This fellowship is meant for working in new areas and laboratories in order to expand their research capabilities, other than the one, where the candidate has obtained his/her doctorate degree. Nominations from the Ph.D guides of the candidate and nominations from the same institute where they opted their Ph.D, will not be considered. The age of the candidate should not be more than 40 years. The candidate should be working abroad at the time of his nomination for the fellowship.

**What is the duration of the Ramanujan Fellowship?** The Ramanujan Fellowship duration is for 5 years only.

**How/When can the individual start his Ramanujan Fellowship?** A letter is sent by the Science & Engineering Research Board (SERB) to the Individual as well as to the host Institute informing the award of Ramanujan Fellowship. After this the Individual has to join the fellowship within six months of the date of

approval letter and to send his / her Acceptance Letter to the Host Institute, indicating the tentative month when he wants to start the Fellowship, and then the Institute will forward his Acceptance Letter to Science & Engineering Research Board along with the details of the bank for transfer of fund through RTGS(in the prescribed format). Based on this letter SERB will process the case for getting administrative and financial approvals and then a Sanction Order is issued to the Host Institute (marking a copy to the Ramanujan Fellow) and a copy to the Drawing and Disbursing Officer, SERB for disbursing the grant under Ramanujan Fellowship. When the grant money is received by the Host Institute, the Ramanujan Fellow can start his/ her Fellowship. What is the nature of support the Ramanujan Fellow is entitled for? For Fellows who will be availing the Ramanujan fellowship after 31.12.2018, the revised funding pattern of Ramanujan fellows is as follows: Ramanujan Fellow is entitled for a Fellowship of ₹1,35,000/- consolidated per month (including HRA component) The fellowship will carry a research grant of ₹7.00 Lakh per annum. and overhead charges of ₹60,000/- to the host institute until the fellow is not having any position in India. In case the selected fellow gets any position such as permanent, tenure track or contractual position, he/she, will become in-eligible for receiving fellowship including research grant and overhead under the fellowship and has to relinquish the Ramanujan fellowship in total. For fellows who have already started availing this fellowship on or before 31.12.2018, (viz. sanction order of SERB issued on or before 31.12.2018) such fellows on acquiring a job (permanent, tenure track or contractual position) will be allowed to draw the research grant and overhead charges as indicated at (ii) above. Only the fellowship component will be discontinued as indicated by (i) above. What is the emoluments under Ramanujan Fellowship for HRA? SERB gives only consolidated fellowship of ₹1,35,000/- p.m (including HRA component) per month. Can a person avail grants under Ramanujan Fellowship and Salary from the Institute at the same time? No, A person can opt either to avail his/ her salary from the Institute or Fellowship amount under Ramanujan Fellowship and it is applicable to the fellows those who have started the fellowship on or before 31.12.2018 (after the issuance of the sanction order on or before 31.12.2018 as per terms and conditions of latest O.M. dated 01-01-2019). Fellows who get a permanent position after 31.12.2018 (issuance of sanction order happened after 31.12.2018), will relinquish the Ramanujan fellowship in total in case they get salary from institute on getting permanent, tenure track or on contractual basis. Can a fellow change the host institute after getting Ramanujan Fellowship? 1. Yes, in case the Ramanujan fellow who is availing fellowship (first sanction order issued on or before 31.12.2018), such fellows on acquiring a permanent job at other institute, will be allowed to transfer the fellowship and he can draw only research grant and overhead charges. The fellow should intimate to SERB about his permanent position immediately subsequently he can request for approval for change of host institute at a new institute within one month of shifting to new institute by submitting NOCs from both institution and appointment letter with detailed terms of references/conditions and the F.Y papers till the last date of working at earlier institute. The same is applicable for those fellows who want to transfer their fellowship to other Institute but without getting a permanent position. 2. However, if a Ramanujan Fellow who is availing the fellowship (first sanction order issued after 31.12.2018), gets a permanent, tenure track or contractual position at other institute, then he/she will become in-eligible to receive the Ramanujan grant in total (as per the terms and conditions in the latest O.M. dated 01-01-2019) subject to final settlement and closure of the fellowship which is the mandatory requirement of this fellowship. How many times a person can avail International Travel per year in the Ramanujan Fellowship? A person can avail one International Travel per year under Ramanujan Fellowship. How does a Ramanujan Fellow get his subsequent Grant? The Grant for the subsequent year are released only after receiving the Statement of Expenditure (SE) and Utilization Certificate (UC) in the prescribed format (available in the website). The SE and UC are financial year wise i.e. from 01st April to 31st March. For the first year it would be from the Date of Start (DOS) to 31st March and subsequently from 01st April to 31st March. In addition, a work report of for that FY is also required. What payments can be made to the project staffs employed for Ramanujan fellow under Research grant? The project staff can be paid as per the SERB order issued time to time. Latest orders are available at SERB website. Can an Indian scientist/engineer working in India under a permanent/temporary position be nominated by the institute for Ramanujan Fellowship? No, Ramanujan Fellowship is meant for reverse brain drain i.e. inviting brilliant Indian scientists and engineers who want to return to India from abroad to take up scientific positions in India. What is the time duration for selected candidates to join the host institute as a Ramanujan fellow? The selected candidates must join their host institute within 6 months from the issue of the Ramanujan Fellowship Award letter, else the award will be cancelled automatically. Can an Institute nominate an employee having temporary employment in India? No, Institute can nominate Indian scientist for Ramanujan Fellowship only from outside India, having no position or employment in India. From where a candidate can get himself nominated from? 1. Candidate can choose to work at any S&T institution including University/ department or other academic institutions and national R&D laboratories in India other than the institute where he/she obtained his/her doctorate degree, provided the institution where they wish to pursue research is willing to provide the necessary R&D, administrative and basic infrastructural support to facilitate research. 2. The application has to be filled by the nominee through the serb online portal [serbonline.in](http://serbonline.in) and then submit it to his nominator of the host Institution who should be the head of organisation/ university/ institute or an authorized academic personnel of the institute/organisation/university. The nominator will then verify the application and then submit the nomination to SERB through online portal only. 3. Selection will be made by Selection Committee specially appointed for the purpose. What is the role of SERB in supporting Ramanujan Fellows? 1. SERB would release fellowship grant of ₹1,35,000/- per month (including HRA component) per month and Research grant of ₹7,00,000/- p.a and overheads of ₹60,000/- p.a. financial year wise, limited only to 60 months from the date of commencement. 2. Grant for subsequent years would be released based on the scientific review of the work done, submission of SE & UC and annual progress report. 3. During the tenure of the fellowship the awardee is not entitled to any kind of salary. However, he/she can apply for research grant to various funding agencies through their host institute. The information on the details of projects applied/sanctioned by the agencies may be made available to SERB from time-to-time. 4. SERB may be kept informed about IPR issues and technology/product/process developed/commercialized, if any, during the tenure of the fellowship. 5. SERB reserves the right to discontinue this fellowship at any stage and change the terms & conditions of the fellowship. What is the entitlement of Ramanujan fellow in the host institute? The SERB recommended Ramanujan fellow is equivalent to Scientist-D for the TA/DA etc. Can a Ramanujan Fellow entitled to guide/supervise the M.Phil/Ph.D Scholars? SERB encourages Ramanujan fellow to get guideship at their respective host institute based on the applicant research experience, so then they can supervise M.Phil/Ph.D scholars which will help them in their academic career development. Sources And References Official Website Guidelines Fellowship Details Registration Portal Ok Was this helpful? News and Updates No new news and updates available Share Something went wrong. Please try again later. Ok You need to sign in before applying for schemes Cancel Sign In Something went wrong. Please try again later. Ok It seems you have already initiated your application earlier. 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