

# BINC Fellowship

The successful candidates are eligible for availing Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) for pursuing Ph.D. in Indian Institutes/Universities. The candidate must possess a Post-Graduate degree (or equivalent) and meet the criteria of institutes/universities in order to avail research fellowships.

**BINC 2018** - After the declaration of BINC 2018 results, a certificate will be given to all BINC qualified candidates along with an award letter to be eligible to avail fellowship till July 31, 2020. Upon receiving the award letter, the candidate needs to select his/her research supervisor from a University/Institute /Centre where he/she can register for Ph.D. In cases where there is a separate Ph.D. admission procedure of the institution, candidates have to go through that procedure.

A student could appear for BINC examination any number of times but could avail government fellowship for a maximum of five years only once (including BINC fellowship). For that the BINC qualified candidate will have to give an undertaking of the government fellowship availed if any in the past and the number of years of fellowship availed.

Cash award of Rs. 10,000/- can be availed only once.

## 1. Activation of Fellowship

The fellowship is activated only when the candidate, after fulfilling all the requirements, sends his/her biodata, duly filled DBT-BINC-JRF Data Sheet/Candidate Information Form and joining report through the host institution to the Coordinator. Fellowship must be activated within two years from the date of issuance of award letter, candidates beyond which the fellowship will lapse.

## 2. Fellowship and Tenure

The DBT-BINC research fellowship is awarded initially for a period of two years and extended on yearly basis thereafter for another three years, based on the progress, overall importance of the research project of the fellow and recommendations of the research supervisor as well as a monitoring expert committee. The evaluation and recommendation for upgradation from JRF to SRF extension of fellowship will be made by the host institution as per their internal procedures and guidelines. All necessary recommendation etc. must be forward to Coordinator BINC with report.

Each fellow is entitled to a fellowship of Rs. 25,000/- per month (during the first and second year) and Rs. 28,000/- per month (during the third and subsequent years). The fellowship payable to each candidate would be at par with CSIR/UGC JRFs and SRFs. In addition, the Fellow is also entitled to HRA (as applicable at the host institution) and other benefits including medical allowance of Rs. 250/- per month as per DBT norms.

## 3. Progress Report

The progress report should be sent to the Coordinator, BINC programme monthly. The consolidated report on completion of the tenure of the fellowship should also be sent. The supervisor and the host institution will be responsible for submission of such reports and also

submission of UC/SE to the BINC Coordinator, Biotech Consortium India Limited, 5th Floor, Anuvrat Bhawan, 210, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg, New Delhi - 110002 for the grant received.

**4. Publication/Intellectual property**

In all the publications resulting out of the research work carried out during the period of the fellowship, the DBT should be acknowledged for support through the award of the fellowship.

**5. Leave**

The fellows will be entitled to 30 days leave per year with fellowship. Any period of absence/leave beyond 30 days in a year will be treated as leave without fellowship.

**6. Transfer of Fellowship**

The Fellow should carefully choose the host Institution, Guide/Supervisor, and availability of necessary infrastructural and other research facilities etc. to carry out research before joining. Request for transfer of fellowship will not be entertained except on compelling circumstances for which the Fellow & Guide should submit proper justification and follow the transfer procedure.

**7. HRA**

The Fellow is also entitled to HRA (as applicable at the host institution) per month as per DBT norms.

**8. Medical Benefits**

Medical allowance of Rs. 250/- per month as per DBT norms.

**9. Contingency**

Each fellowship would also carry a research contingency grant of Rs. 30,000/- per annum. The amount is primarily meant for meeting the cost of consumables and minor equipment required (computer peripherals/license fees for databases and software) for the research work of the Fellow. However, with the consent of the research supervisor, a portion of the grant, not exceeding Rs. 10,000 / - per annum, may be utilized towards the cost of attending major conferences/symposia/seminars/workshops held in India in the area related to research of the fellow. The same amount can also be utilized for payment of the registration fees of online international workshop/international conference. The grant should not be utilized for international travel or for meeting the cost of attending conferences held abroad.