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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS UNDER DBT- RESEARCH ASSOCIATESHIP
(DBT-RA) IN BIOTECHNOLOGY & LIFE SCIENCES FOR 2025-26**

Applications are invited from Indian citizens for the award of “DBT-Research Associateship” for pursuing research in frontier areas of Biotechnology and Life Sciences. The Associateship is tenable in Premier Research Institutions/Universities including non-profit R&D Institutions within India. The Associateships are awarded under the “DBT-Research Associateship” programme supported by the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India.

AIM OF FELLOWSHIP

The objective of DBT-Research Associateship (DBT-RA) Programme is to train and nurture young researchers, scientists and generate a critical mass of trained manpower in modern areas of biology and biotechnology and build a robust postdoctoral base for the growth of Biotechnology sectors in the country. Applicants with a strong motivation to pursue globally competitive research leading to novel discoveries and/or translation including generation of patents and/or societal outcomes are encouraged to apply.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Academic Qualification: The applicants should hold a Ph.D. degree in Science, Engineering or M.D./ M.S. degree in any area of medicine with research interests in Biotechnology and Life Sciences and a good academic record. The applicants who have already submitted the Ph.D./ M.D./ M.S. thesis are also eligible to apply. However, such applicants, if selected, will be offered lower fellowship amount till they qualify the eligible degree.

Age Limit: The upper age limit is 40 years for male candidates and 45 years in the case of female candidates as on the last date of application.

Employment: The applicants who are employed at the time of application (in any form i.e. permanent, contractual etc.) are eligible to apply. However, they have to relinquish their employment for accepting the fellowship.

TENURE OF FELLOWSHIP

The Associateship is a purely temporary full-time assignment and is tenable for a period of 02 years with annual renewal based on review of progress of research. In exceptional cases, fellowship may be extended up to 04 years depending upon the progress of research.

IMPORTANT DATES

Events	Dates
Start Date of submission of online Application	13 th April, 2026
Closing Date of submission of online application	12 th May, 2026

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- DBT-RA fellowship can be availed only ONCE by a candidate in his/her career.
- The fellowship is tenable only in India in any recognized academic institutions, national laboratories and other recognized R & D institutions. The host institution must provide administrative and infrastructural support.
- Applicants are not allowed to work with their PhD guides/co-guides.
- The fellowships cannot be availed at the same institution where the candidates have earned their Ph.D./M.D./M.S. degree.
- A mentor cannot have more than 2 DBT-RA fellows at a time.
- A mentor must hold a regular academic/research position in a recognized institution in India, and should hold PhD/MD/MS degree in science, engineering or medicine.
- Superannuated faculty (e.g., Honorary Professors, Emeritus Professors/Scientists, and DBT Distinguished Professors) could also mentor as long as they can demonstrate that resources and labs are available to them.
- Applicants from North East Region (permanent residence located in the NER) can work in any university/institution in the country.

HOW TO APPLY

- Application for DBT-RA programme can be submitted via ONLINE mode only.
- An applicant must submit only one (01) application. In case it comes to light that multiple applications are submitted by an applicant; his/her applications shall be disqualified for the call.
- To apply, interested applicants may kindly visit Common Fellowship Portal at <https://fellowships.gov.in/>
- Applicants must register on the portal, fill in complete information in the online application form and submit it on or before the closing date of application.
- Online application form to be filled by applicant comprises information pertaining to Personal Information, Academic Qualifications, Research Contribution, Referee Details, Proposed Research Work, Proposed Mentor Details and Proposed Host Institution.
- Documents to be submitted along with Online Application Form include –
 1. Self-attested pdf copy of DOB certificate
 2. Self-attested pdf copies of degree certificates
 3. A Consent letter from the mentor. (*Format for the Consent letter is available at the portal*)
- Names and contact details of the Referees are to be provided by the applicant while filling out the application form.
- During submission of online application form, email with link to submit letter of recommendation shall be sent by the applicant to the email addresses of all the referees who have been mentioned in the application form.
- Referees must upload a pdf copy of the letter of recommendation on the portal by 12th May, 2026. The applicant shall ensure that the referee provides the recommendation letter on time. Letter of recommendation uploaded on the portal after closing date of application shall not be accepted.
- Application form which has not been submitted through portal shall not be accepted.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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