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Office Memorandum

Subject: CSIR Nehru Science Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Scheme: Implementation thereon

The Governing Body (GB) of CSIR in its 172nd meeting held on 07th November 2008, considered and approved the proposal on “CSIR Nehru Science Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Scheme”.

The terms and conditions governing the scheme and eligibility criterion are given below:

Tenable at : CSIR Laboratories

Tenure : Two years and maximum extendable for one more year based on outstanding performance.

Eligibility : Fresh PhDs within one year of doing PhD and those submitted PhD will be eligible.

Age limit is 32 years relaxable upto 5 years in case of SC/ST/OBC/Physically handicapped and women candidates.

Though the CSIR Nehru Science Postdoctoral Research Fellowship will be open to Indian nationals and Persons of Indian Origin, however certain number (upto 20%) of fellowships may be offered to foreign nationals.


Fellowship and contingency amount : CSIR Nehru Science Postdoctoral Fellows will be paid a consolidated fellowship of Rs. 35,000/- per month plus HRA as admissible and a contingency grant of Rs. 3.0 lakh per annum. 25% of the contingency grant can be used for domestic and international travel including per diem expenses.

Accommodation & Other benefits : Accommodation may be provided by CSIR laboratories if available. CSIR rules on leased accommodation are to be reviewed in the light of ‘Sixth Pay Commission’ recommendations and will be made applicable as and when approved.

CSIR Nehru Science Postdoctoral Fellows will also be entitled for Medical benefits as per the CSIR rules for Research Associates.

Mode of Selection : Selections will be made through interview mode by HRD Group of CSIR. Eligible candidates must route their application through the sponsoring CSIR laboratory. Applicants from abroad may also be considered in absentia. Students completing their PhDs from a particular CSIR laboratory will not be eligible for becoming a PDF in the same CSIR laboratory under this scheme. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Fellows (SPMF) upon completion of PhD will be given preference for awarding CSIR Nehru Science PDF. Selection of foreign nationals will be subjected to clearance by ISTADS, CSIR. Further modifications/changes in the Scheme, if any, will subject to the approval of DG, CSIR.

Any other relevant information : Appointing CSIR laboratories will bear 20% of the annual expenditure from internal resources of CSIR. 20% of the fellowship amount will be paid as lump sum at the end of completion of 1st and 2nd year respectively to discourage PDFs to use the Scheme as a stop gap arrangement for few months.


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