

Maharashtra Association for the Cultivation of Science

AGHARKAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE

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Women Scientist Fellowship Programme 2008

The Fellowship Scheme for Women Scientists for societal programmes (WOS – B) is initiative of the department of science & technology. This scheme is meant for all those women having a burning desire to utilize their scientific acumen through active research and development projects which are aimed at meeting societal needs and aspirations.

Objectives:

- Provide an opportunity for women scientists to re-enter into active research after a career break through support for S&T based R&D projects addressing the needs of people in unorganized urban or rural areas; and
- Provide opportunity for S&T capacity building of women on issues relevant in societal programmes.

Project proposals could be for:

- Research, development and adaptation of technology to improve the quality of life and provide additional opportunities for income generation in rural areas or urban slums;
- Adaptation and transfer of an innovative technology from laboratory to field;
- Capacity building of applicant in technology areas relevant to the needs in rural areas.

Nature of Support Provided:

- Support will include a scholarship grant of Rs.15,000 per month for candidates with Ph.D., M.Tech., MS/MD and Rs.10,000 per month for candidates having post graduate degree for a period of two years.
- Grant for minor equipment, consumables, contingencies, travel and overheads will also be considered if found necessary under the work plan.

Qualifications:

Indian nationals living in India and who are currently not employed in permanent position and who possess one of the following qualifications:

- Ph.D. degree in science, master's degree in engineering or technology, architecture, medicine or pharmacy.
- Who have break in career for at least three years or more after having masters degree in science or bachelor's degree in engineering or medicine, architecture, or pharmacy.
- Age: The applicant should be below the age of 50 years as on 15/02/2008.

Others:

- a. Candidates selected for award of the fellowship are not expected to register for higher degree during the period of fellowship.
 - b. Candidates already having a regular jobs or fellowship will not be considered unless they advance cogent reasons for making the change. In such cases the application should be accompanied by a letter from the Head of the Institution agreeing to release the candidate.
- The project proposal must show an active association with a field agency in regard to implementation of the project irrespective of the fact whether the candidate is attached to an educational institution or R&D institution or any other agency. A certificate from the host institution, where the project will be actually carried out extending infrastructural or administrative support for the project must be enclosed with the application. Similarly, a certificate from the identified field agency showing the agreement to get associated with the project is also required.

Duration: The scholarship will be given for duration of two years. The period may be extended to the third year in exceptional cases, if recommended by experts during periodic reviews.

Selection Mechanism: A committee of experts will be involved in the selection process. The two-tier selection process will be adopted involving initial screening and subsequent individual presentation by the screened-in candidates before a group of experts. The selected candidates will be informed by post. The list will also be posted on the web site of the Division.

For more details please contact:

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The last date for receiving the application is **31st March 2008**.