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**FOR 300 POST DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR INDIAN SCHOLARS IN
UNITED STATES FOR THE YEAR 2012 TO BE AWARDED BY
UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION, INDIA**

The University Grants Commission invites applications for 300 Post Doctoral Fellowships for Indian Scholars in United States for the year 2012 to be awarded by University Grants Commission, India. The applicant should be a permanent teacher within 40 years of age as on Dec. 31, 2012, in an institution recognized under 2(f) and 12B of UGC Act and should possess a Ph.D. Degree in the respective field. Details of the scheme can be accessed from www.ugc.ac.in.

The applications in the prescribed format may be submitted **only through online mode** latest by **11th July, 2012**. (non-extendable) by logging into website www.ugc.ac.in/pdfindous/

Note:

1. Application submitted only through online mode shall be entertained and no application submitted in hard copy shall be entertained or considered for the Award in any circumstances whatsoever.
2. Record of the non-selected candidates shall not be preserved beyond 3 months from the date of declaration of results.
3. The decision of the Commission with regard to the selection of the candidates for the award shall be final.

SECRETARY, UGC



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**GUIDELINES FOR POST DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP FOR INDIAN SCHOLARS IN
UNITED STATES FOR THE YEAR 2012 TO BE AWARDED BY
UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION, INDIA**

Purpose

The objective of the Post Doctoral Fellowships for the year 2012 to be awarded by University Grants Commission, India for the young Indian scholars is to provide them an opportunity to have international collaborative research opportunities, training in advanced techniques and technologies in emerging fields, thereby furthering their research capacity and ability to contribute to higher education with global perspective and forging long-term relationships with distinguished experts in these fields in USA.

These awards will provide an excellent opportunity to young Indian researchers (permanent faculty), under the age of 40 years to interact with the American academic/scientific community and get first hand information of the developments taking place at the international level and acquaint themselves with new academic and scientific research methods and to participate in collaborative research projects. It will enable young Indian researchers to carry out a clearly defined research project and/or acquire newly emerging research techniques and technologies at a place of their choice in USA for a period of up to 12 months. This fellowship would be called a Post Doctoral Fellowship for the year 2012 to be awarded by University Grants Commission, India.

Number of Fellowships :

300 (Three Hundred)

Eligibility

- The applicant should be a permanent teacher in a university/institution recognized by UGC under 2(f) and 12B of UGC Act.
- The applicant should possess at least 60 per cent marks or equivalent in the post-graduate degree.
- The applicant should possess a Ph.D. degree in respective academic discipline (Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Science, Engineering, Technology, Agricultural Sciences) or MD/MS/Ph.D. in Medical Sciences.
- The Applicant must provide proof of having carried out independent research work published in peer reviewed journals preferably indexed.
- The applicant should be of age up to 40 years as on 31 December 2012.
- The reservation will be available in accordance with the national norms.

Area of Work

Proposal should aim to address one of the following challenges:

- Energy, especially renewable energy,
- Environment, especially climate change,
- Health, especially public health,
- Food security,
- Information security.

In the first three categories, proposals pertaining to any aspect of the broad area will be entertained but those pertaining to the specific areas like renewable energy, climate change and public health will be given higher priority.

A successful research proposal could address one of the challenges identified above by aiming for at least one of the following four academic benchmarks:

- contribute to frontier knowledge in an emerging area,
- link different knowledge domains in a genuinely interdisciplinary manner;
- bring comparative perspectives and insights to a problem, issue or puzzle, preferably juxtaposing cases that have not been compared previously; and/or
- mark a significant theoretical, conceptual or practical advance.

Candidates should explicitly identify the challenge that they aim to address and the category (out of the four above) into which their research proposal falls.

Place of work:

The nominee should have been accepted by a US university/scientific/technological/ research institution, which is internationally recognized as an outstanding institution where major work in the area of study identified by the nominee is in progress. There should be willingness on the part of the American institution to accept and extend necessary support to the candidate for the work proposed. No bench fee will be charged by host institution in US.

The candidate should himself/herself correspond with the proposed host institution of US for placement. Candidate is required to produce evidence for this minimally, in the form of electronic communication, with the US institution to be visited along with merits/uniqueness of that host institute in the proposed area which satisfies the selection panel about the acceptance of the candidate if he/she is selected.

Note:

The candidates who have availed any other overseas fellowship for a period of more than three months through any Government/public funding agency during last three years will not be considered for this fellowship. The candidate must give a written declaration to the effect that he/she has not availed any such fellowship.

Fellowship:

“The Fellow will be entitled to fellowship amount of US \$ 3000 per month.” The minimum period of the fellowship would be 6 months and maximum period of fellowship would be 12 months.

"Fellow will also be entitled to a one time personal contingency grant of upto a maximum of Rs. 50,000 to cover for visa, airport transfer, medical insurance etc. Medical insurance expenses, visa fee, airport transfer charges will be met by the fellow from out of this personal contingency grant."

Fellow will also be permitted to travel within USA to attend conferences or visit other institutes of interest with the approval of the advisor at the host institute. The Fellow will be entitled to avail one of the following grants for this purpose.

- i) Grant of \$ 600 for fellowship period upto 6 months
- ii) Grant of \$ 1200 for fellowship period beyond 6 months

Air-tickets for all the selected Fellow would be purchased by the respective university/institution by economy class for shortest route from their place of work in India to the place of the American host institute and back. The actual ticket amount would be

reimbursed by UGC to the institution for the same on submission of all relevant documents duly certified by the competent authority of the institution.

Rules governing payment of salary, leave, medical, gratuity, GPF and pension etc. of the organization/ institution/ university to which the fellow belongs would continue to be applicable. No liability on any of these accounts will be borne by UGC.

The candidate selected for the award for this fellowship should commence their research within six month period from the date of award announcement. Failure to do so would render the fellow to forfeit the award.

Application Guidelines

1. Applications in the prescribed format may be submitted only through online mode latest by 11th July, 2012 (non-extendable) by logging into website www.ugc.ac.in/pdfindous/. Applications received after this date will not be entertained.
2. Application should be forwarded by the head of organization/ department where the candidate is employed.
3. Scanned copy of acceptance letter from host institution in USA.

Note : Selection will be a two-step process –

- (a) Short-listing of the candidates,
- (b) Personal interview of the short-listed candidates.

Note : In case the awardee leave the host institution or fellowship without completing the research project then in such situation the awardee shall be liable for refund of entire fellowship amount within a period of 2 months, failing which it will be treated as misconduct on the part of the awardee and the Commission shall recommend to the parent institution in India for recovery of award amount and initiation of suitable departmental action against the erring awardee.

For queries please contact:

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Submission deadline: 11th July, 2012



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APPLICATION FORMAT FOR POST DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP FOR INDIAN SCHOLARS IN UNITED STATES FOR THE YEAR 2012 TO BE AWARDED BY UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION, INDIA.

1. Name:
2. Permanent Address:
3. Address for correspondence:
 - (i) Email ID
 - (ii) Phone/Mobile No.
4. Date of birth & age (as on 31.12.2012):
5. Sex (Male/Female):
6. Category:
(GEN/SC/ST/OBC) Please attach certificate in case of SC/ST/OBC.
7. Physically Challenged (Yes/No)
(Please attach certificate)
8. Passport details:
 - (i) Passport No.:
 - (ii) issued at:
 - (iii) Valid upto:
9. Academic qualifications graduation onwards –
(with name of the Board/University, Grade/Division/percentage):
10. Name of the organization where working:
11. Whether institution is recognized under 2(f) and 12B of UGC Act? (Yes/No):
12. Present position held:
13. Do you hold a regular position in your institute? (Yes/No):

14. Details and nature of present and previous employment :
(Positions held, employer/place of work, duration, area/nature of work)

15. Honours and awards received:

16. Broad area of research (out of the areas indicated):

17. Host institute in USA :

18. Host academician/research leader in USA:

19. Contact address of the host person:

20. Proposed duration of the fellowship (Months):

21. Specific area of research :

22. Brief summary of your current areas of research:

23. Description of scientific work planned including **Research to be carried out and/or Specific Training to be acquired:** (not more than 3 pages):

- (i) Specific need for the joint work (should not be confined only to access to instrumental facilities)
- (ii) Tangible outcome expected and its relation to present state of knowledge in the field
- (iii) Mutual scientific/academic benefit to be accrued to both sides
- (iv) Follow up activities that may emerge towards a sustained academic collaboration
- (v) Possibility of/opportunity for utilizing the expertise gained abroad on return to India (in case the visit is for training in advanced techniques/technologies)

24. State any other relevant aspects in the application which may be useful for the reviewer to make a qualitative judgment on the application:

25. Details of international fellowships availed in the last three years:

S. No.	Address of overseas institute	Duration	Agency which sponsored the visit	Brief objective of the work done	Achievement/ Outcome

26. Details of applications made/ pending for any other international fellowships:

S. No.	Address of overseas institute	Duration	Agency	Brief objective of the work done

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27. Research projects with applicant:

S. No.	Title	Grant Period	Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Funding Agency

28. List of publications during the last 5 years/ List of Research Projects carried out up to date.

29. List of papers presented in conferences:

30. Brief CV of the applicant and the host US scientist (not more than 2 pages each):

ENCLOSURES:

- Copy of correspondence with US host institution indicating their willingness/consent to facilitate the fellow for the fellowship duration.
- A certificate from the host US institute that no fee including bench fee will be charged from the scholar.
- Statement from the current employer as per the enclosed format.
- In case of Reserved Category, certificate to that effect.
- In case of Physically Challenged, certificate to that effect.

UNDERTAKING:

I undertake that the information given in the application is true. Further, in case the fellowship awarded to me, I shall submit a detailed report on my return, to the UGC and parent institution within 45 days along with plan for future utilization of the expertise gained under this programme. I shall abide by the provisions mentioned in the guidelines.

SIGNATURE OF THE CANDIDATE

DATE:

PLACE:

**FORWARDED BY THE COMPETENT
AUTHORITY IN THE INSTITUTION**

STATEMENT FROM THE CURRENT EMPLOYER

(This should be given on the official letter-head of the parent institution/organization in the following format:

This is to certify that this institution is recognized under 2(f) and 12B of UGC Act.

The institution has no objection to the consideration of application for Post Doctoral Fellowship to Indian Scholars in United States from Mr./Ms./Dr..... permanent employee in the(*name of the department/institute/ organization*) for research/ training in the area of.....to be held at.....for the duration of.....months.

If the fellowship is awarded to him/her, Mr./Ms./Dr.....will be relieved from(*name of the institute/organization*) duties for said period from the date of his/her joining for research fellowship under Post Doctoral Fellowship to Indian Scholars in United States for the year 2012. During this period, the institution would ensure that the continuity of employment on the post presently held by him/her would continue to be applicable and rules governing payment of salary (basic pay and all allowances), leave, medical benefits, gratuity, GPF, GIS, and pension etc. would continue to be paid to the awardee scholar during the entire period of fellowship and he/she will join his/her present post on completion of tenure of his/her fellowship.

Place:
Date:

(Head of Institution/Organization)
Official seal