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**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between  
Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India  
and  
Bangladesh Academy of Sciences (BAS), Dhaka  
for coordination of  
India Science and Research Fellowship (ISRF) Programme in Bangladesh**

**Understanding**

Recalling the inter-governmental Agreement between India and Bangladesh concluded in 1982 to promote cooperation in the fields of scientific and technological research and development, this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India and the Bangladesh Academy of Sciences (BAS) is to partner in facilitating and administering the DST funded India Science and Research Fellowship Programme (ISRF) in Bangladesh. DST and BAS herewith will be referred to as Parties to the MoU.

The Department of Science and Technology, Government of India has agreed to launch and support the India Science and Research Fellowship (ISRF) Program. This Fellowship will enable up to ten researches every year from Bangladesh to undertake scientific research in any academic or R&D institution in India for a period ranging from 3 to 6 months. The Fellowship will cover monthly stipend, return air fare, visa charges and a fixed contingency grant for each awardee. This MoU is an understanding between DST and BAS to internalize the process of coordination of India Science and Research Fellowship Program for Bangladesh.

**Responsibilities of each Party**

**DST**

- Undertake the responsibility of oversight of the program including all policy matters concerning implementation including guidelines and timelines of the India Science and Research Fellowship programme and provide these inputs to BAS from time to time.
- In India, the Center of International Cooperation (CICS), Chennai, which is an institution of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA), will implement the ISRF program on behalf of DST.
- CICS Chennai through the expert committee constituted by DST will select ISRF Fellowship awardees.

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- The visit of selected Awardees will be facilitated by CICS on behalf of DST.
- DST will provide the necessary fellowship funds to CICS Chennai for disbursement of the Fellowships to the awardees through their respective host institutions in India.
- CICS will undertake necessary outreach of the Fellowship program in India and also coordinate with the host institutions in India.

### **BAS**

- Identify research areas of priority to be considered under the Fellowship in consultation with DST.
- Finalization of call text and timelines and launch the application announcement in consultation with the Center of International Cooperation (CICS), Chennai, India.
- Prepare all outreach materials both soft and printed contents towards advertisement in scientific journals, print media and website in Bangladesh.
- Receive applications against Call issued for the Fellowship Program.
- All applications received against the Call will be peer reviewed by an expert committee constituted by BAS. Up to twenty pre-screened applications will be provided to CICS, Chennai for final selection of awardees.
- Undertake all relevant tasks towards implementation viz. yearly timeline of activities; constitution of scientific expert panels/committee for evaluation; screening of applications; debriefing of the Fellows etc.

### **Program implementation processes**

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of intellectual merit, creativity and innovation, feasibility of approach, applicant's scientific credential, complementarity and scientific deliverables/ expected outcomes keeping in view the national needs towards human capacity building in areas of science and technology. Any conflict of interest should be avoided.

International Bilateral Cooperation Division (IBCD) of the DST will represent DST in its interactions with BAS.

### **Validity**

This MoU will be valid for implementing two call cycles from the date of its signing which may be further extended on mutual consent by both sides in writing between the Parties.

Signed on October 16, 2014 in New Delhi and in two originals both in English.



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