SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING RESEARCH BOARD (SERB)

SCHEME FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS

The SERB, through Scheme for Young Scientists, provides research funding to young scientists below the age of 35 years (relaxable by 5 years in the case of SC/ST/OBC, woman and physically handicapped category) to undertake independent research in newly emerging and frontier areas of science and engineering. The scheme is meant to pursue new ideas and provides a platform to undertake independent research. The details of the scheme are as follows:-

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide research support to young scientists for pursuing exciting and innovative research ideas.
2. To provide opportunities for interaction and exchange of ideas with scientific community.
3. To involve young scientists in national S & T development process.

ELIGIBILITY

1. The scheme is open to Indian nationals only.
   Or
   Post Graduate Degree in Medicine/Surgery, Dental & Veterinary Science.
3. The Candidate should be less than 35 years on the date submission of the application in SERB. However age relaxation of 5 years would be given to scientists belonging to SC/ST/OBC, Women and Physically Handicapped category as per GOI Rules.

FUNDING

- The funding is provided up to a maximum of Rs. 23 lakhs (excluding overhead charges) for a period not exceeding three years. If the proposed objectives can be achieved in less than three years, the budget may be reduced accordingly.
- Funds are provided for equipments, consumables, travel, analytical charges and contingency etc.
- The applicant if not holding a regular position or not drawing any other fellowship/stipend/salary, can draw a consolidated fellowship amount of Rs 35,000/- per month (all inclusive). The fellowship amount is taxable. In cases, where the applicant is holding a regular position if the proposal work demands, he/she can seek a manpower at junior level (JRF, Project Assistant, etc.).
- “Overhead Charges” as per rules will be provided to the implementing institution over and above the project cost.
General Guidelines for Submission

1. The applicant should fulfill the eligibility criteria (education and age) as given under “Eligibility”.
2. The funding is upto a maximum of Rs 23.00 lakhs (excluding overheads) for a period not exceeding three years.
3. All the required information should be given in the text of the proposal itself and not as annexures.
4. All care must be taken to write a good scientific proposal. The proposal should contain significant novelty and should lead to enrichment of scientific knowledge in the field. Routine extension of Ph.D or any other work will be discouraged.
5. The candidates who are unemployed and drawing fellowship from the project are encouraged to choose the place of work different from the place where they have completed their Ph.D or other degree obtained in the immediate past.
6. Projects which involve Recombinant DNA work should be examined and certified by Institutional Biosafety Committee.
7. Projects, which are clinically oriented or projects, which involve experiments with human and/or animal material, should be examined and certified by Institutional Ethics Committee.
8. Incomplete application and application lacking scientific/technical details will not be considered.
9. At the time of submission of proposals, it is not necessary to get it forwarded by any institute/organisation/university/college.
10. Five (5) copies of the proposal, in the format given below, neatly typed on A-4 size paper, should be submitted to SERB at any time during the year along with one soft copy in Pdf format to the following address:

Science and Engineering Research Board
5 & 5A, Lower Ground Floor
Vasant Square Mall
Sector-B, Pocket-5
Vasant Kunj
New Delhi-110070

The envelope containing the proposal should be superscribed - Proposals for Consideration under Scheme for Young Scientists – (mention broad subject area). This may be addressed to concerned officer as given below.

For further information, the candidates are advised to contact the officers dealing with the programme.

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