

**SERB/Board Meeting Action Points/2016**  
**Science and Engineering Research Board**  
**(Statutory Body Established through an Act of Parliament: SERB Act 2008)**  
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**OFFICER ORDER**

The SERB during its 18<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at New Delhi, approved the opening of SERB schemes / programs such as EMR, ECRA, HRHR, IRRD, IRHPA etc. to scientists regardless of nationality to apply and compete for grants. In pursuant to this approval, the following guidelines for "Foreign Nationals" need to be adhered to while implementing the SERB programs: -

- 1) Foreign National (including PIO, OCI) working as regular employee in any of the publicly funded and recognized research and development laboratories / institutions in India are eligible to apply for funds from "Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB)" as Principal Investigators (PIs) in collaboration with an Indian Co-PI.
- 2) The schemes and programs open for foreign nationals are: Extramural Research (EMR), Early Career Research Award (ECRA), High Risk High Reward ((HRHR), Intensification of Research in High Priority Areas (IRHPA) and Industry Relevant Research and Development (IRRD).
- 3) PIs having foreign nationality should have sufficient residual service (about 4 years) to ensure completion of the proposed project.
- 4) An Indian Co-PI from the same Host Institute / Laboratory with adequate service to collaborate in successful implementation of the proposed project.
- 5) Endorsement Certificate from the Head of the Organisation / Director of the Host Institute / Laboratory should ensure the clearances from Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India.
- 6) Head of the Organisation / Director of the Host Institute / Laboratory is responsible to maintain the security and sensitivity of the research findings emerged in implementing such a project.
- 7) All the approved grant-in-aid should be utilized in India and expenditure on foreign travel is not allowed.
- 8) However, these guidelines will not be applicable to SERB supported fellowships (Ex. JC Bose, Ramanujan, NPDF etc.).
- 9) SERB reserves the right to discontinue or close such project/s at any time without notice.
- 10) All other terms and conditions in implementing various schemes / programs of SERB are applicable.

This issues with the approval of Secretary (SERB) vide diary no. 2807 dated 24.10.2016.

  
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