



DBT launches new grant named after Dr. Bhan

New DELHI, Dec 09: The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) under the Union Ministry of Science and Technology has launched a new grant opportunity named after its former Secretary and eminent scientist, Dr.M.K.Bhan.



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MK BHAN

Young Researcher Fellowship Program 2020 - 21

The MK Bhan-Young Researcher Fellowship Program is launched with an aim to encourage young bright researchers to continue their research in the country after Ph.D. The scheme offers an independent research grant to young Post-Doctoral Fellows to enable them to emerge as future leaders and take up cutting edge research focused on issues of national relevance. This fellowship will be awarded for Research work to be carried out at DBT-Autonomous Institutes.

ELIGIBILITY

Indian citizen having PhD degree/thesis submitted in any branch of Life Sciences/Biotechnology/allied areas and does not have a permanent position.

The applicant should have an excellent track record as evident by peer reviewed publications, technologies developed, patent (if any).

Each applicant must identify a host institute and a mentor

The upper age limit will be 35 years as on the closing date of the submission of the application.

NATURE OF SUPPORT

Monthly Remuneration - **Rs 75,000/month**

Research grant - **Rs 20,00,000/year**

Duration: **3 Years**

HOW TO APPLY

Application in the prescribed proforma should be submitted mandatorily online through DBT portal (ePromis) (<http://www.dbtpromis.nic.in>) **on or before December 31st, 2020.**

One hard copy of application along with requisite documents should also be sent to **Dr. Deo Prakash Chaturvedi, Scientist-C, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Room No.814, 8th Floor, Block-2, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi -110003**

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Maharaj Kishan Bhan (9 November 1947 – 26 January 2020) was an Indian pediatrician and clinical scientist. He received M.B.B.S. Degree (1969) from Armed Forces Medical College, Pune and M.D. Degree from Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research,

Chandigarh. He carried out extensive post doctoral research at All India Institute of Medical Sciences in the areas of diarrheal diseases and child nutrition with an emphasis on public health issues. He served as the president of the Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER).

He is a recipient of The Padma Bhushan, is the third-highest civilian award of the country. He was known for developing a vaccine for the dreaded disease of RotaVirus in collaboration with Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech International. He was positioned as Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, from 2004 to 2012. He conceived the formation of Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), with a mandate to promote product development by industry in collaboration with academia. An elected fellow of the National Academy of Medical Sciences, he was awarded in 1990 the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology, the highest science award in India, in the Medical Sciences category.

The fellowship was launched by the Secretary, DBT, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Prof. M K Bhan, former secretary of DBT, on 9th November, 2020. For more details, DBT website (<http://dbtindia.gov.in/>) may be visited.

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