

# Indo-U.S. Genome Engineering/Editing Technology Initiative (GETin) Visiting Fellowship

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Acknowledging importance of strategies & techniques in genome modification, as modern day essential tools for research & development, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Govt. of India along with the Indo-U.S. Science & Technology Forum (IUSSTF) announces fellowship program between Indian institutes and premier U.S. Universities, in significant areas of Genome Engineering/Editing Technology (*GETin*).

The program is open to individuals whose research work has an interface with Genome Engineering/Editing Technology studies.

## **Program objective:**

1. Program aims at inviting skilled researchers (US Faculty/Foreign Post Docs presently working in U.S. for at least two years) to India, who is working overseas in the cutting-edge area of Genome Engineering/Editing Technologies.
2. Program would provide the applicant avenues to pursue their R&D interests in Indian institutions/and to mentor Indian scientist(s) in their projects.
3. Promote research and capacity building in the frontline area of Genome Engineering/Editing Technology;
4. Pave way for the next generation scientists and technologists from the U.S. to interact with Indian peers, thus helping to build long-term R&D linkages and collaborations.

## **Genome Engineering/Editing Technology (*GETin*) Visiting Fellowship Program Module**

### **Who is eligible to apply:**

1. U.S. Faculty or Foreign Post-Docs presently working in U.S. (for at least two years) in a field having an interface with Genome Engineering/Editing Technologies.
2. Applicant should possess Ph.D., M.D., M.S. or equivalent degree with outstanding track record as evident through publications and other recognitions.
3. Only candidates working overseas for at least two years are eligible to apply.
4. Age: Up to 60 years as on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

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## **Duration and Number of Awards:**

1. The duration of fellowship will include work at India Universities for a period of 2 to 3 months.
2. Up to 5 Visiting Fellows will be awarded every year.

## **Nature of support:**

1. Monthly remuneration of Rs. 1, 50,000 per month.
2. Return air fare
3. Grant of Rs. 5,00,000 would be provided to the host institute in India to support the research during stay period.
4. Health insurance of up to \$ 1,000 during the entire stay.
5. One-time contingency grant of \$ 1,000

## **Where will awardees work:**

1. The candidate should himself/herself correspond with their proposed host institute in India for placement/visit.
2. Any Indian Institute can also identify any such skilled research in this field, so that his/her expertise can be benefited and the institute can assist the overseas researcher to apply accordingly.
3. Candidate is required to produce a letter of acceptance/ Certificate from the Indian Institute along with merits/uniqueness of that host institute in the proposed area of research.
4. There should be willingness in the part of the Indian institute to accept and extend necessary support to the candidate for the work proposed during the stay period.

## **How to apply:**

Application should be submitted using our Online Application Portal by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2019**, web link provided on IUSSTF website [www.iusstf.org](http://www.iusstf.org), along with the following documents:

- Acceptance Letter/ Certificate from host institute in India, as per format indicated\*
- Two recommendation letters from Referees
- No-Objection Certificate/ Statement from the Current Employer, as per the format indicated\*\*
- Scan copy of the highest degree obtained by the applicant
- CV of the Indian Host
- CV of the applicant with current photo (not more than 3 pages)
- Proof of DoB (Scan copy of the supporting document, e.g. Birth certificate/ 10th class certificate/ passport)

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## **\* ACCEPTANCE LETTER/ CERTIFICATE BY THE HOST INSTITUTE**

Certify that Prof./Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ if given the awards for Indo-U.S. Genome Engineering/Editing Technology Initiative (*GETin*) Visiting Fellowship program. He/she will be provided office and laboratory space, access to equipment and library facilities etc. for implementing the research project proposal submitted by him/her under this fellowship.

Date: .....

Place: .....

(Signature of the forwarding authority along-with the seal): .....

## **\*\*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 has no-objection to the consideration of application for the **Awards for Indo-U.S. Genome Engineering/Editing Technology Initiative (*GETin*) Program Visiting Fellowship** from Mr./Ms./Dr. .... 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 **Awards for Indo-U.S. Genome Engineering/Editing Technology Initiative (*GETin*) Visiting Fellowship program**.

During this period, the continuity of employment on the post presently held by him/her would continue to be applicable and rules governing payment of salary as per the norms of the parent institute shall stand the same.

Place: .....

Date: .....

(Head of Institution/Organization): .....

Official seal: .....

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