Sir C V Raman
(1888-1970)

Nobel Laureate for Physics
for the discovery of “Raman Effect”

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“India shares because it cares for Africa”
Shri Narendra Modi
Hon’ble Prime Minister of India

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Department of Science and Technology (DST) and Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India (GoI), through the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) have launched the C.V. Raman International Fellowship for African Researchers programme under the India-Africa Forum Summit to promote human capacity building through scientific and technological cooperation between Africa and India. This prestigious fellowship is aimed to further strengthen the bond between India and African nations in the fields of science and technology.

FICCI, on behalf of GoI, invites applications from African researchers for award of this fellowship for conducting research in Indian institutions across all areas of science and technology.

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Outline of the Fellowship

The objective of C V Raman Fellowship is to provide opportunity for African researchers to conduct research under the guidance of a host scientist in India in order to advance their own research capabilities while fostering scientific and technological cooperation between Africa and India.

Fields of Research

All fields of natural and engineering sciences, including mathematics and statistics are included under this programme. Humanities and behavioural sciences are not covered under this programme.

Types of Fellowship Offered

(a) Doctoral / Post Doctoral Fellowship: Duration 6 months

(b) Visiting Fellowship: Duration 3 months

(c) Senior Fellowship: Duration 1 month

Eligibility Criteria

(a) Applicant should be a citizen/permanent resident of an eligible African country having diplomatic relations with India.

(b) Applicant should be actively engaged in research at any recognized university or research institution in any one of the African countries.

(c) Minimum Academic Qualifications

Doctoral / Post Doctoral Fellowship: Completed/Pursuing PhD in any recognised university or research institution in Africa

Visiting Fellowship: Ph.D / M.Tech/M.Sc or with 4 to 6 years of research/ teaching experience.

Senior Fellowship: Senior Experts / Scientists/ Professors

Please Note:

(d) Applicants who have already availed C V Raman Fellowship in any one of the previous years are NOT eligible to apply.

(e) Applicants who had applied in any of the previous years but were unsuccessful or could not avail it may re-apply for the current year.

Terms & Conditions of Award

(a) Travel Arrangements:

Round-trip air ticket in economy class from the place of employment in respective African country to the Indian airport nearest to the Indian host institute, through shortest route. Local transport by road/rail between the nearest airport and the host institute in India.

(b) Sustenance Allowance:

(i) Doctoral / Post Doctoral Fellowship: ₹ 40,000/- per month including accommodation.

(ii) Visiting Fellowship: ₹ 50,000/- per month including accommodation.

(iii) Senior Fellowship: ₹ 50,000/- per month + accommodation (preferably at host institute guest house / private hotel subject to a limit of ₹ 2500/- per day charges)

(c) Contingency Grant:

(i) Doctoral / Post Doctoral Fellowship: One time contingency grant of ₹ 20,000/-

(ii) Visiting Fellowship: One time contingency grant of ₹ 10,000/-

(iii) Senior Fellowship: One time contingency grant of ₹ 10,000/- + Local travel in India, as per approved program with a limit of ₹ 30,000

(iv) Additional one time contingency grant for host Indian scientist will be provided as mentioned below:

Post- Doctoral Fellowship- ₹ 25,000

Visiting Fellowship- ₹ 20,000

Senior Fellowship- ₹ 10,000

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Fund Utilization Guidelines:

- Sustenance allowance to be paid to the candidate by host institute on a monthly basis for covering living expenses.
- Contingency grant will remain with the host institute and will be given to the candidate as and when required. The candidate and Host Indian scientist is required to produce original bills and vouchers to the host institute for availing reimbursements from this grant.
- Contingency grant may be utilized for meeting institutional fee/lab fee, consumable materials, chemicals, equipment, books and journals, including photostat copies, micro-films, typing, stationery, postage, field work and travel expenses for the Fellow in connection with approved research project with approval of host scientist.
- Contingency grant is NOT intended for meeting expenditure on furniture, utensils, items normally provided by the College/University/Institution and payment of examination or other fees such as admission/registration/tuition fees etc.
- No funding provision under this fellowship is applicable for -
  - Honorarium for host scientists
  - Institution fee/Lab fee

Documents to be Submitted

(a) Application Form duly filled-in by applicant
(b) Consent letter from host scientist on institution letterhead or format attach with the application form
(c) Letter of recommendation from applicant’s current employer or head of institution
(d) Detailed research plan in India, duly endorsed by applicant’s proposed host scientist
(e) Copy of applicant’s highest degree/educational qualification
(f) Photocopy of applicant’s valid Passport, showing his/her picture, passport number and other personal details
(g) Latest photograph of applicant
(h) Detailed CV including academic qualifications, scientific publications, achievements and work experience.

Language of Application

- All application forms submitted for this fellowship must be in ENGLISH. Application forms submitted in any language other than English will not be considered for selection process.
- All supporting documents submitted along with application form must also be in ENGLISH. If original document(s) is/are in any language other than English, please enclose authenticated copy of English translation.

Timeline

- Last Date of application: February 28, 2018
- Result Announcement (Tentative): April/ May 2018
- Period to avail the fellowship upon selection: June 2018 to March 2019.

Application Procedure for the Program

Applications may be submitted using any one of the following modes -

- ONLINE: Using online application through www.indoafrica-cvrf.in
- EMAIL: By emailing scan copy of duly filled-in application form and supporting documents to scholars@ficci.com
Selection Process and Notification

(a) **Selection Process:**

Selection of applications will be conducted by an expert selection committee of scientists and will be based on scientific merit and proposed contribution to advance research in the area/subject.

Shortlisted candidates will be required to get their supporting documents authenticated by the respective Indian missions for their country. Upon authentication, the final fellowship award will be made.

(b) **Placement Process:**

On final selection, awardees are required to finalize their period of stay in India under this fellowship in consultation with their respective host scientists and promptly inform FICCI at mail id: scholars@ficci.com.

Selected applicants will be issued visa and air tickets by the concerned Indian Mission in their respective home country or from the concerned Indian mission entrusted under concurrent accreditation.

Applicants are required to approach the concerned Indian Missions with copy of their selection/acceptance letter from DST/FICCI along with all other necessary documents and travel plan for issue of visa and air tickets.

Obligation of Fellow Researchers

All fellows are expected to observe the regulations and procedures stipulated below. If the fellow fails to do so, the fellowship may be withdrawn, as per discretion of Department of Science & Technology or Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India or any one or both of them.

(a) During their fellowship tenure, fellows shall not, either inside or outside the host institution, infringe in any way on human rights of others, including racial or gender discrimination or other forms of abuse.

(b) Fellows shall stay in India continuously during the tenure of their fellowship and concentrate on their research at the host institution. Fellows should not engage in other work, neither paid nor unpaid, during their fellowship tenures.

(c) Fellows shall follow all rules established by the host institution and DST, prohibiting acts of research misconduct (e.g. fabricating or falsifying research results), research misuse (e.g. use research facilities for private purposes or for purposes other than the approved research).

(d) On completion of the fellowship tenure, Fellows must submit a detailed research report duly approved by the host scientist at scholars@ficci.com.
Total number of Awardees across different African Countries (2010-15)

No. of Selected Applications in 2010-15

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ABOUT DST

The Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India is mandated to strengthen Research and Development base of the country by coordinating, promoting and supporting science, technology and innovation activities. DST serves as a nodal agency connecting the science sector to the Government verticals and industry. Various activities of the Department can be categorised into the seven heads: i) Policies that stimulate and foster value added pursuit of science and technology, ii) Development of human resources, iii) Institutional capacity building, iv) Technology capacity strengthening v) S&T Competitiveness through Alliances & Partnerships, vi) R&D missions and vii) Science for societal empowerment at the grassroots.

DST establishes systems and mechanisms to stimulate and foster excellence and leadership in scientific research and development in the country. DST supports programmes that help to build chosen international alliances and partnerships with various countries both at bilateral and multilateral level. These activities are aligned with India's developmental aspirations in scientific and technological fields that can contribute to the knowledge economy at national, regional and global level.

ABOUT FICCI

Established in 1927, FICCI is the largest and oldest apex business organisation in India. Its history is closely interwoven with India's struggle for independence, its industrialization, and its emergence as one of the most rapidly growing global economies.

A non-government, not-for-profit organisation, FICCI is the voice of India's business and industry. From influencing policy to encouraging debate, engaging with policy makers and civil society, FICCI articulates the views and concerns of industry. It serves its members from the Indian private and public corporate sectors and multinational companies, drawing its strength from diverse regional chambers of commerce and industry across states, reaching out to over 2,50,000 companies.

FICCI provides a platform for networking and consensus building within and across sectors and is the first port of call for Indian industry, policy makers and the international business community.

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