

**Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other  
Developing Countries (NAM S&T Centre)**

**JOINT NAM S&T CENTRE – ICCBS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME**

**GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FORM**

The NAM S&T Centre is implementing a Joint NAM S&T Centre – ICCBS Fellowship scheme in association with the International Centre for Chemical and Biological Sciences (ICCBS) (H.E.J. Research Institute of Chemistry and Dr. Panjwani Centre for Molecular Medicine and Drug Research), University of Karachi, Pakistan to provide opportunities to the scientists and researchers from the developing countries for working in the ICCBS laboratories in various subjects.

**Objectives**

The objectives of the Joint NAM S&T Centre – ICCBS Fellowship Programme are:

- To provide opportunities to the scientists and researchers from the developing countries to work with senior researchers and faculty members in the ICCBS for upgrading their research skills in the fields related to Natural Products Chemistry, Computational Chemistry, Herbal Medicines and Drugs, Medicinal Chemistry, Nanotechnology, Proteomics and Genomics, Pharmaceuticals and Nutraceuticals, Molecular Medicine, Structural Biology, Drug Research, Clinical Research & Practices, or any other subjects agreed upon by ICCBS authorities.
- To facilitate the scientists and researchers from the developing countries to undertake short-term joint research projects at ICCBS.
- To provide a mechanism to the scientists and researchers from the developing countries to use the equipment and facility of ICCBS for their own research activity on mutually agreed terms and conditions.
- To facilitate exchange of information and contacts and create a network between the scientists and researchers from Pakistan and other developing countries.

**Number of Fellowships**

Up to 5 scientists and researchers from the developing countries are sponsored each year by the NAM S&T Centre to work at ICCBS under the Joint NAM S&T Centre – ICCBS Fellowship scheme. ICCBS may increase the number of Fellowships based on its requirement, but without any financial implication for the NAM S&T Centre.

**Duration of Fellowship**

The maximum duration of Fellowship is 3 months. However, it may be extended by ICCBS based on actual research requirements.

**Eligibility**

- Scientists and researchers should hold at least M.Sc. or equivalent qualification and should be engaged in R&D or management of scientific programmes on the identified subjects.
- There is no upper age limit, but younger scientists would be preferred. Whenever possible, preference will be given to women scientists.

- Selection is strictly on merit based on the scientific quality of the proposal submitted by the applicant.
- From any given developing country only one scientist / researcher will be accepted in any given financial year.
- Scientists from Pakistan are not eligible to apply for this Fellowship.

### **Financial and Other Terms**

- ICCBS would provide local hospitality, e.g. furnished accommodation and an allowance @US\$200 per month to each Fellow sponsored by the NAM S&T Centre.
- NAM S&T Centre would pay the return international airfare from their home country to Karachi, Pakistan to the selected scientists / researchers subject to the endorsement by the Focal Point of the NAM S&T Centre in the country of the applicant.
- ICCBS would provide all possible facilities and access to various instruments and equipment in its constituent laboratories that may be required by the Fellows for implementing their agreed upon research activity.
- Individual Fellows or their governments / institutions will be required to bear the following costs:
  - ❖ All expenses in the home country incidental to travel abroad, including expenditure for passport and visa, required medical examinations and vaccinations and miscellaneous expenses such as internal travel to/from the airport of departure in the home country.
  - ❖ Salary and other related allowances for the Fellows during the Fellowship period.
  - ❖ Cost towards medical insurance to cover the period of Fellowship in Pakistan.
- The NAM S&T Centre and ICCBS will not assume responsibility for the following expenditure in connection with the Fellowship of a particular scientist/researcher:
  - ❖ Insurance, medical bills or hospitalisation fees
  - ❖ Compensation in the event of death, disability or loss of personal belongings or compensation for damage caused by climatic or other conditions
  - ❖ Travel or other costs incurred by the dependents, who might accompany the Fellows.

### **Submission and Selection of Applications**

- Applications for the Fellowship may be submitted in prescribed format (**attached**) directly to the NAM S&T Centre. It will be summarily rejected, if any column in the application is left blank.
- Five applicants will be selected each year out of all the applications received strictly on merit and competitive basis and based on the professional details and the Plan of Work submitted by the applicants.
- In matter of selection, the decision of NAM S&T Centre and ICCBS shall be final.