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**ICMR International Fellowship Programme for Biomedical Scientists**

1. The High Commission of Sri Lanka in New Delhi informing that the India Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has shared details related to International Fellowship Programme for Biomedical Scientists from Developing Countries.
2. The ICMR is considered India's premier national agency for biomedical research, aligned with national health priorities and actively engaged in strengthening research capacity, innovation, and translation of scientific knowledge into public health practice. In view of the rapid advances in biomedical sciences and the shared health challenges faced by developing countries, ICMR has placed strong emphasis on international collaboration and capacity building.
3. ICMR offers an International Fellowship programme for biomedical scientists from developing countries, enabling short-term training (1-6 months) at leading Indian research institutes in areas such as diagnostics, epidemiology, surveillance, genomics, immunology, and other biomedical research areas. The fellowship covers return economy airfare and a sustenance allowance (for accommodation, food and local transport).
4. As informed by the High Commission, eligible applicants should be citizens of developing countries according to the World Bank criteria, employed in recognized academic or research institutions, preferably below 45 years of age, with qualification such as Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) or Master of Science (Life Sciences). Applications may be submitted throughout the year and are selected by an Expert Committee constituted by the Director General, ICMR.
5. The detailed guidelines and the application format are available on the ICMR website <https://www.icmr.gov.in/icmr-international-fellowship-programme-for-biomedical-scientists-from-developing-countries>. A flyer shared by ICMR is also attached herewith for your kind reference.

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6. It would be much appreciated if you could disseminate the enclosed information among prospective applicants and relevant authorities in Sri Lanka.

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# ICMR International Fellowship Programme For Scientists from Developing Countries

Enhancing research capacity and fostering  
South-South collaboration by offering  
hands-on biomedical research training in  
premier Indian institutions

## Program Focus Areas

- Epidemiology & Disease Surveillance
- Diagnostics & Molecular Medicine
- Immunology & Genomics
- Biomedical Research
- Public Health Research & Innovation

## Fellowship Details

- Duration: 1–6 Months
- No. of Fellowships: 5 /Year
- Support Provided: Return economy airfare & Daily subsistence allowance

## Who can apply

- Scientists from developing countries as per World Bank
- MBBS / M.Sc. (Life Sciences)
- Employed in recognized institutions
- Preferably below 45 years
- English proficiency required

## Benefits of the Fellowship

- Exposure to global scientific networks
- Advanced research training in India's top biomedical labs
- Opportunities for future collaborative projects
- Enhanced skill-set in high-impact health research areas

Applications accepted throughout the year

Contact & Submission:

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