



Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council

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Set up by Department of Biotechnology, Government of India

Call for Proposal under **UNIVERSITY INNOVATION CLUSTER (UIC)** For Igniting New market led Ideas (1st Feb to 28th Feb, 2015)

Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), a Public Sector Undertaking, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India, has been set up as an interface agency, to nurture innovation research and promote affordable product development through public-private partnership.

BIRAC announces the launch of Post-Doctoral and Post Master's 'BIRAC Innovation Fellowships' for nurturing market led ideas.

University Innovation Clusters have been established by BIRAC in 5 universities as pre-incubation centres to foster innovations and entrepreneurship for Post masters & Post-doctoral students. Each UIC has its own unique research areas. The fellowships are highly competitive and exceptionally motivated students who have an eye for innovation and drive for start-ups would be selected for the fellowships. Interested applicants can apply with their area specific research project in the concerned UIC only. Each UIC will incubate and mentor selected applicants for carrying out the innovative research.

Support under the UIC is aimed to help establish & validate market led ideas in collaboration with Industry.

Who can apply?

Applicants who have completed their Masters and Ph.D. on and after 1st January 2014 for post masters and post doctoral fellowship respectively.

Scope & Support of BIRAC Innovation Fellowship

- ▶ BIRAC Innovation Fellowships is for high level of innovation and application research in the Biotechnology sector.
- ▶ BIRAC Innovation Fellowships scheme supports only up-to Proof-of-Concept stage
- ▶ BIRAC Innovation Fellowship for :
 - ▶ Post Doc: is Rs. 50.00 Thousand per month along with BIRAC Innovation Grant of Rs. 5.00 Lakhs per year
 - ▶ Post Masters is Rs. 30.00 Thousand per month with BIRAC Innovation Grant of Rs. 2.00 Lakhs per year
- ▶ Grant period is 2 years extendable to 1 more year depending upon the progress and requirement of the research project
- ▶ Mentoring support and Project Monitoring by UIC, BIRAC and partnered Industry

The BIRAC Innovation Fellowships is implemented by our five UIC



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How to Apply

Proposal under UIC scheme has to be submitted online only. For further details on the scheme, eligibility criteria, FAQs and registration log on to www.birac.nic.in.

Important Dates

Proposal Submission Starts
1st Feb., 2015

Proposal Submission Closes (midnight of)
28th Feb., 2015

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