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## PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT

### DBT-Research Associateship programme

Department of Biotechnology (DBT) is pleased to issue a pre-announcement for an upcoming **Call for Application** under the **DBT-Research Associateship programme**.

DBT-Research Associateship (DBT-RA) Programme aims to train and nurture young researchers, scientists and generate a critical mass of trained manpower in modern areas of biology and biotechnology and build a robust postdoctoral base for the growth of Biotechnology sectors in the country.

This pre-announcement is intended to inform potential applicants to prepare for the upcoming call and explore options towards **selection of a suitable Host Institution / Mentor**.

#### ◆ Programme Highlights:

##### 📄 Prestigious National Fellowship

Supports outstanding researchers with a PhD in Biotechnology and related areas.

##### 🔬 Opportunity for Advanced Research

Enables young scientists to pursue cutting-edge research in frontier areas of life sciences.

##### 🏢 Tenable in Leading Institutions

Research can be carried out at recognized leading universities, national laboratories, and research institutes across India.

##### 💰 Competitive Fellowship & Grants

Includes a monthly fellowship, contingency grant as per DBT guidelines.

##### 🌐 Interdisciplinary Research Focus

Encourages innovation across biotechnology, health sciences, agriculture, bioinformatics, and emerging technologies.

##### 📈 Career Development

Helps early-career scientists strengthen research skills, publications, and academic careers.

#### ◆ Who Can Apply:

Ph.D. degree in Science, Engineering or M.D./ M.S. degree in any area of medicine with research interests in Biotechnology and Life Sciences and a good academic record.

Fellows are not allowed to work with their PhD guides/co-guides. The fellowships cannot be availed at the same institution where the candidates have earned their Ph.D./M.D./M.S. degree.

#### ◆ Important Dates:

- Application Opening: **April, 2026**
- Application Deadline: **May, 2026**

#### ◆ How to Apply:

Detailed application guidelines, eligibility criteria, and submission procedures shall be available in the advertisement to be released for Call for Applications.

#### ◆ Stay Updated:

Interested candidates are encouraged to regularly visit <https://www.dbt.gov.in/> or <https://fellowships.gov.in/>.

#### ✉ For inquiries:

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