Call for Research Proposals

Department of Science & Technology (DST) has taken several pioneering initiatives for promoting women in Science and Technology (S&T) domain. Women Scientist Scheme (WOS) under KIRAN division specifically addresses challenges confronting women in realm of S&T who had a break in career by providing suitable opportunities to them to return to mainstream science.

Under **Women Scientist Scheme-B (WOS-B)**, proposals are invited from women scientists and technologists who wish to utilize their scientific knowledge and temperament for the benefit of society. WOS-B focuses on projects leading to S&T based solutions of societal issues & challenges for social benefits. Such projects should deliver possible solutions by way of development of viable technology/technique and/or lab-to-land technology transfer, its adaptation and scaling up. The project is tenable for a maximum period of three (3) years. **Basic research proposals will not be entertained under WOS-B.**

**Areas in which proposals could be submitted:**

- Agriculture, Food and Environmental Challenges (AFE)
- Strengthening Health Care and Nutrition (HN)
- Energy (ER)
- Water and Waste Management (WWM)
- Engineering and IT Solutions to Societal Issues (EIT)
- Harnessing Advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI)

**Eligibility:** Women having qualifications in science & technology areas and in the age group of 27-57 years with break in their career but interested in addressing a well-defined/identified societal challenge through viable S&T interventions are eligible to apply. Women working as permanent employees are not eligible to apply in this scheme.

**Emoluments:** The fellowship amount under the scheme is:
Rs 55,000/- pm for Ph.D. or equivalent (total project cost not exceeding Rs.30 lakh) + HRA and Overheads,
Rs 40,000/- pm for M.Phil./MTech or equivalent (total project cost not exceeding Rs.25 lakh) + HRA and Overheads,
Rs 31,000/- pm for M.Sc. or equivalent (total project cost not exceeding Rs.20 lakh) + HRA and Overheads.
Total project cost includes above fellowship of Principal Investigator (PI), consumables, travel, contingencies and minor equipments but excluding HRA and overheads.

**How to apply:** Proposals are to be submitted online on WOS portal [http://online-wosa.gov.in](http://online-wosa.gov.in) Those interested in submitting proposal have to register at this portal and submit the proposal online. **Please read guidelines available on the portal carefully before submitting the proposal.** Detailed guidelines are also available on [www.dst.gov.in](http://www.dst.gov.in) Send one hardcopy of submitted proposal to Mrs. Namita Gupta, Scientist-‘G’, KIRAN Division, Department of Science and Technology (DST), Technology Bhawan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi-110016. Superscribe envelope with ‘Women Scientist Scheme-B (WOS-B)’. For further inquiries regarding WOS-B please send email to: wosb-dst@gov.in Last Date of Proposal Submission: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.