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Awards for Indo-U.S. Genome Engineering/Editing Technology Initiative (GETin) Fellowship Program
Terms And Conditions/ Administrative Guidelines For Fellowships

- (i) The individual availing this fellowship would be called **Awards for Indo-U.S. Genome Engineering/Editing Technology Initiative (GETin) Fellow** or **Indo-U.S. GETin Fellow**.
- (ii) The Indo-U.S. *GETin* Fellow will be entitled to a fellowship amount of US\$ 3,000/- per month.
- (iii) The Indo-U.S. *GETin* Fellow will be entitled to contingency/ preparatory allowances of Rs. 50,000/- to cover expenses for obtaining U.S. Visa, airport transfers in India and the United States and an appropriate comprehensive health insurance cover for the duration of the fellowship.
- (iv) The Indo-U.S. *GETin* Fellow will be permitted to travel within the United States to attend conferences or visit other institutes of interest with the approval of the advisor at the host institute. The Fellow will be entitled to a grant of upto \$1,200/- for this purpose. The expenses incurred to be supported with vouchers/ receipts during the settlement of the award grant.
- (v) Air-tickets for all the selected Indo-U.S. *GETin* Fellows would be provided directly by the IUSSTF travel desk by economy class and shortest route from their place of work in India to the US host institute and back. Normally, as per IUSSTF rules, reimbursements will not be provided for air-tickets purchased directly but, under some exceptional circumstances IUSSTF may consider reimbursements as per the approved budget or actuals, whichever is less. IUSSTF should be informed for ticketing at least 6 weeks before the date of travel.
- (vi) At the time of disbursement of the grants to the parent institution, 90% of the total stipend amount due would be directly disbursed and the balance 10% of the stipend amount would be settled at the time of UC/SE settlement. The grants as per the Award letter will be released based on the prevailing foreign exchange rate. Any difference in exchange rate will only be reimbursed by IUSSTF after completion of the Fellowship visit and on submission of

UC/SE supported by foreign exchange conversion receipts. There will be a maximum restriction on the maximum number of Foreign Exchange during the entire duration of the fellowship detailed as follows:

- For a fellowship duration up to 3 months - one conversion.
- For a fellowship duration up to 6 months - two conversions.

Any additional conversions have to be borne by the Fellow. Accordingly, the concerned financial authority at the Parent Institution should confirm to the above.

(vii) The applicant's parent institute has to protect the interests of the applicant selected for Internship/Fellowship w.r.t. his/her service, if any, and IUSSTF will not bear any expenses towards leave salary, provident fund contribution, pensionary benefits, etc., for the period of stay in the United States. IUSSTF will have no liability towards these.

(viii) The parent institution would be responsible for necessary foreign exchange disbursements against the grants provided by IUSSTF.

(ix) Visa arrangements are to be made by the Fellow directly. The Fellow has to apply for the J1 visa. The IUSSTF fellowship award letter can be used as a supporting document for the J1 visa along with necessary document from host institution i.e. the DS 2019 form.

(x) After the award of fellowship the Fellow should not deviate from:

- Approved area of research
- Identified host and host institute

(xi) The Fellow will abide by the conduct, Rules & Regulations of the U.S. Host Institution and Country. IUSSTF will not be responsible for any contravention.

(xii) Within 8 weeks of completion of the fellowship, the Fellow must submit a detailed report to IUSSTF along with the necessary documents (Utilization certificate / Settlement of Expenditure), etc. towards the settlement of award grant in the prescribed formats.

(xiii) Ordinarily, the Indo-U.S. *GETin* Fellow is bound to utilize the complete duration of the approved fellowship. No deviations would be permissible. In case the Fellow stays beyond the approved fellowship period, there will be no financial commitments/liabilities of IUSSTF. In case of any emergency, IUSSTF may consider the request of the Fellow to shorten the duration of the fellowship. If the Fellow is cutting-short his/her approved fellowship duration; the stipend amount will be settled only for the actual duration of stay in the United States on a pro-rata basis.

(xiv) All grant-in-aid Awards are subject to availability of funding, either from internal resources or external agencies, as the case may be.

(xv) IUSSTF is not responsible if the Funding Agency, at any given point of time, withdraws the funding support to the Program due to unforeseen exigencies; or for any delays in fund release arising due to delayed receipt of funds from the Funding Agency.

(xvi) No damages, direct or indirect, caused due to any eventualities during work, stay and travel, such as an accident, injury or illness shall be attributed to IUSSTF during the course of implementation of the Award or any period preceding/ succeeding the Award.

(xvii) IUSSTF reserves the right to amend its policies and priorities anytime, depending on circumstances, and such decisions shall be binding for all Awards