

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – INDIA REIMAGINED FELLOWSHIP

We are pleased to announce the launch of the **India Reimagined Fellowship**, a prestigious global program that aims to bring exceptional scientific and professional talent to India to tackle pressing challenges in biomedical science and public health.

Each fellowship provides a grant of USD **300,000** (approx. 2.5 Crores) over three years, designed to support Indian origin and international researchers, entrepreneurs, clinicians, and innovators who are committed to relocating to Indian institutions and building sustainable 'impact engines'.

FUNDING STRUCTURE

- Total Fellowship Grant: USD 300,000 per fellow over three years.
- Mode of Disbursement: The grant will be disbursed in three tranches of USD 100,000 each.
- Recipient: Funds will be transferred directly to the host institution in India, not to the individual fellow.
- Purpose: To support project execution, fellow's salary, laboratory costs, staff salaries, equipment procurement, travel (project-related), and other approved expenses.
- The funding is available only for FCRA Approved or exempted institutions.

FUNDING PROCESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Year 1 (First Tranche – USD 100,000)

- Disbursed upon approval of fellowship award and completion of documentation between the fellowship secretariat and the host institution.
- Host institutions must establish a dedicated project account to receive and utilize fellowship funds.
- The fellow initiates the project in the host institution as per the submitted plan.

Year 2 (Second Tranche – USD 100,000)

Will be released upon submission of:

- Annual Progress Report by the fellow, reviewed and endorsed by the host institution.
- Financial Utilization Certificate (UC) issued by the host institution, certified by its finance office.
- Mid-Term Review by an expert panel convened by BFI assessing milestones achieved (scientific progress, publications, prototypes, field validation, etc.).

Year 3 (Final Tranche – USD 100,000)

- Disbursed after the second-year review confirms satisfactory progress.
- Requires:
 - Updated project plan for the final year.
 - Revised budget utilization breakdown.

- This tranche focuses on scale-up activities (clinical validation, product rollout, public health implementation, or commercialization support) and will also depend on the nature of the fellowship research plan.

Completion & Reporting

- At the end of the three years, the fellow and host institution must submit a comprehensive final report, including:
 - Outcomes achieved (publications, patents, products, clinical studies, health interventions).
 - Long term sustainability plan (institutional support, external funding, spin-offs).
- A final audit statement of accounts is mandatory to close the fellowship.

NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

The India Reimagined Fellowship operates strictly on an institutional nomination basis. Direct self-applications by individuals are not accepted. Only nominations endorsed and submitted by a host institution in India will be considered.

Please note: A maximum of three positions are available, and each institute may submit only one application.

Nomination Form: [Click here to access the nomination form.](#)

I. NOMINATION PROCESS

Step 1: Identify a Suitable Candidate

- Nominating institutions should identify an exceptional researcher, entrepreneur, or innovator outside India with a proven track record who they would like to host, and is interested in being based at the institution for at least the fellowship period.
- The nominee should be willing to relocate to India for a minimum of three years and commit to working full-time on the project.

Step 2: Institutes's Plan to Host the Fellow at the Institution

- The nominee must have formal association with an Indian host institution .
- The host institution should agree to:
 - a. Provide relevant infrastructure and administrative support.
 - b. Serve as the custodian of fellowship funds.
 - c. Ensure financial accountability, timely submission of reports, ensure relevant institutional oversight is exercised for the fellowship period and all permissions taken as required (for example HMSC).

Step 3: Prepare the Nomination Package

- Formal nomination letter (by the relevant institutional authority).
- Details of institutional commitment to be provided if nominee is awarded (signed by relevant institutional authority).
- Nominee's CV.
- Recommendation letters from referees (minimum two).
- Brief summary of the significant research contributions of the nominee.
- Research/ Innovation proposal (up to 10 pages).
- Proof of qualifications, publications, patents, or prior funding.

II. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- Nominations should be emailed to **india.reimagined@blockchainforimpact.nl** in the prescribed format, as outlined in the Nomination Form.
- Draft application filled by nominee → forwarded to host institution → reviewed, endorsed, and submitted officially.
- Incomplete applications or those without institutional backing will not be considered.

III. REVIEW AND SELECTION

- Selection will be conducted on a rolling basis, with up to three fellowships available. The application window will remain open for four months. Only one application may be submitted per applicant institution. No applications will be accepted after the application window has closed.
- Eligibility Screening → Expert Review → Panel Interview (if shortlisted) → Final Selection by Advisory Board.
- Selections will be announced on a rolling basis, so early application is encouraged.

IV. TIMELINE

- Review & Decision timeline: ~12 weeks post-submission.
- Disbursement of first tranche: within 6 weeks after acceptance and MoU signing with the host institution.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES

- Fellow: Develop draft for the fellowship scientific project, relocate to host institution for at least the period of fellowship, execute project, report annually.
- Host Institution: Nominations, Manage funds, ensure compliance, submit UCs and audits.

SUBMISSION PROCESS AND DEADLINE

- The submission deadline is **January 31st, 2026**.
- Submissions should be sent electronically to: **india.reimagined@blockchainforimpact.nl**
- For queries, please contact: **india.reimagined@blockchainforimpact.nl**