

# Swarnajayanti Fellowship

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In news

Recently, the Department of Science and Technology awarded Swarnajayanti Fellowship to 21 recipients

## About Swarnajayanti Fellowship

- This fellowship scheme was instituted by the government of India to commemorate India's fiftieth year of Independence.
- Under this scheme, a selected number of young scientists, with a proven track record, are provided special assistance and support to enable them to pursue basic research in frontier areas of science and technology.
- The fellowships are **scientist specific and not institution-specific**, very selective and have close academic monitoring.
- The award consists of
  - A Fellowship of Rs 25000/- per month in addition to the salary drawn from the parent Institute
  - A **Research Grant of Rs 5 lakh per annum by Department of Science and Technology for a period of 5 years**
  - The project submitted by the selected Fellows will be considered for funding by the Science & Engineering Research Board (SERB) as per SERB norms, for recurring and non-recurring heads.
- **Scientists selected for the award will be allowed to pursue unfettered research with a freedom and flexibility** in terms of expenditure as approved in the research plan.
- The **project should contain innovative research idea** and it should have a potential of making impact on R&D in

the discipline

- The duration of the fellowship will be for a period not exceeding five years.