Department of Science & Technology National Council for Science and Technology Communication Rajat Jayanti Science Communicator Fellowship, 2013

Applications are invited for twenty "Rajat Jayanti Science Communicator Fellowship" instituted by National Council for Science and Technology Communication, Department of Science & Technology. The fellowship recognizes Science Communicators with uniformly brilliant academic record and supports innovative work in selected scientific institutions/universities/S&T based voluntary organizations under the guidance of a senior science communicator. These are full time fellowships and cannot be taken up with any other assignment. These fellowships are meant to communicate science among various target groups only and not for taking up basic research. The candidates below 35 years on 31.12.2013 (relaxable by 5 years for Women candidates) possess a graduation or higher degree in science, engineering, medical science, agriculture, information technology, mass communication, etc. from a recognized university. The duration of the fellowship will be for one year and will comprise a Stipend of Rs.12,000/- per month (Rs.16,000/- in case of a Ph.D. holders), an annual contingency of Rs.30,000/- and travel grant of Rs.15,000/-. Mentors will receive an Honorarium of Rs.20,000/- in a year. Applicants are requested to carefully study Annexure I to IV at website www.dst.gov.in before submitting the proposal. The selection will be made by a Committee of experts and decision of DST will be final. Applications to be submitted in the format by 15th December, 2013 to Head (NCSTC), Department of Science & Technology, Technology Bhavan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi – 110016.

Format for Application

Part A

- 1. Name
- 2. Address for correspondence (with phone/fax/e-mail
- 3. Name and Address of the Organization
- 4. Date of Birth
- 5. Educational Qualifications
- 6. Professional Experience
- 7. List of publications
- 8. Awards (recognitions)
- 9. How can Science reach the masses? (Write an essay in 400 words either in English or Hindi)

Part B

- 10. Title of the proposal (20 words)
- 11. Objectives
- 12. Description of the proposal (200 words)
- 13. Action Plan including geographical details if it is location specific (600 words)
- 14. Please write indicators which will be used for measuring success
- 15. Name and address of two referees (with phone/fax/e-mail)

Annexure I

Specimen of certificate and some suggested organizations where Science communicators can be located

- 1. Director, Vigyan Prasar + other aided institutions of DST.
- General Secretary, Indian National Science Academy, other Science & Engineering Academies.
- 3. Director of Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Indian Council of Medical Research laboratories.
- 4. Director of Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Media Houses Private and Public Sector communication related organizations, University Depts. Etc.
- 5. Station Directors, Doordarshan, All India Radio, Gyan Bharti, Gyan Darshan.
- 6. General Secretary, Science based voluntary organizations.
- 7. Editor/owner of reputed Magazines, Newspapers.

Annexure II

Illustrative list of projects ideas

- 1. Impact assessment of science outreach programmes developing and using innovative instruments.
- 2. Developing and testing scripts for biodiversity, street theater for raising awareness on health, sanitation, water, etc.
- 3. Developing modules for trainers in use of low-cost learning/teaching aids for high school science teachers.
- 4. Developing strategies for promoting innovation among school teachers/students.
- 5. Comparative study on effectiveness of different means of communication
 - 6. Developing and updating website on popular science.

Annexure-III

ENDORSEMENT FROM THE HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION

Title of the	
Proposal:	

- 1. Certified that our Institute welcomes participation of Dr./Shri/Smt. -----as the Rajat Jayanti Science Communicator fellow.
- 2. Certified that the hardware, other basic facilities and such other administrative support required as per terms and condition of the grant, will be extended to the Coordinator(s) throughout the duration of the project.
- 3. Our agency will undertake the financial and other management responsibilities of the project and will ensure compliance with the terms and conditions laid down, in case the proposal is sanctioned.

Date: _____

Name and Signature of the Head of Institution

Place:_____

Annexure IV

ENDORSEMENT FROM THE MENTOR

Title of the			
Proposal:			
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Certified that I, Dr/Mr./Mrs.will provide honorary mentorship and technical
Dr./Mr./Mrs.guidance to
proposal mentioned above.Dr./Mr./Mrs.

Dated: Place:

Name and Signature of the Science Communicator