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**HRD scheme to attract young PIO/NRI scientists in health sector**

The Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India is administering a Scheme for 'Human Resource Development for Health Research' (HRD Scheme) aimed at creating a pool of talented health research personnel in the country by upgrading skills of faculty of medical colleges by specialized training in priority areas of health research.

2. The scheme has a separate component specifically for emerging young scientists and Non-resident Indians (NRIs), Persons of Indian Origin (PIO), Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) serving abroad in health research activities so that they can come back to India for undertaking research in identified areas.

3. As part of the Scheme, Non-Resident Indians, will be provided Stipend/ Salary and Rs. 1 Crore grant for 5 years. This Scheme provides an opportunity for these persons/ Faculty to return to India and pursue research in any Institute across India.

4. The priority areas of research identified for the Scheme include Toxicology, Genomics, Proteomics, Geriatrics, Stem Cell Research, Clinical Trials, Good Clinical Practices (GCP), Biotechnology, Genetics, Operational Research, Health Informatics, Medical Ethics, Health Economics and any other area that needs support as per National Health Policy.

5. The detailed guidelines regarding eligibility criteria, financial components including the formats of application are available on [www.dhr.gov.in](http://www.dhr.gov.in). Brief write up on the scheme is enclosed below. Further details can be obtained from Dr. Kavitha Rajsekar, Scientist-D, email id [kavitha.rajsekar@nic.in](mailto:kavitha.rajsekar@nic.in).

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