

Press Note

Ministry of Environment and Forests had instituted **Dr. Salim Ali National Wildlife Fellowship Award** and **Shri Kailash Sankhla National Wildlife Fellowship Award** for Research/Experimental projects on avian wildlife and mammalian wildlife respectively in 1995 and 1996 respectively. The awards were instituted to commemorate the memory of these wildlife conservationists so as to inspire and promote the younger generations of wildlife managers and scientists in taking up research/experimental projects aimed at conservation and development of the rich wildlife heritage of our country.

The Ministry has also increased the fellowship amount from Rs. 4000/- per month to Rs. 20000/- per month and the contingency amount from Rs. 18000/- per annum to Rs. 1,00,000/- per annum. The fellowships are awarded normally for a period of two years. In exceptional cases, it may be extended by one more year. The enhancement of fellowship and contingency amount is aimed at generating interest among young researchers towards wildlife management.

In case, the Awardee is an employee, he/she is entitled to avail the Fellowship awards along with the salary benefits and other allowances.

Only Indian citizens are eligible for the awards and preference is given to officials of the Forest & Wildlife Departments of the State Governments/Union Territories to encourage the scientific temper amongst them.

These awards have been conferred in alternate years. The Dr. Salim Ali National Wildlife Fellowship Award is given in an odd numbered year and Shri Kailash Sankhla National Wildlife Fellowship Award in an even numbered year.

Nominations are being called for the Dr. Salim Ali National Wildlife Fellowship Award for the year 2013.

More details are available on the Ministry's website i.e. <http://moef.nic.in>.
