

Guidelines for NBHM Visiting Professorship:

The application for an NBHM Visiting Professorship is forwarded to NBHM by the institution where the scholar intends to visit. It is not in any particular format, at the moment, but takes the form of a specific request, a detailed justification for the need for that person, and the CV etc. of the person.

This application is then sent to the NBHM committee, which makes a recommendation to the Board; the Board generally then takes the final call.

For the justification, the university/department usually makes a case, often related to the needs for the expert services of the person in relation to the unmet requirement for qualified teachers.

A need for a research input instead could also be grounds for asking for a VP appointment, but for longer term appointments (e.g. more than a couple of weeks or so) the trend has been to emphasize the contribution to teaching. This is because generally there is a shortage of funds, so the teaching of high level courses is given a kind of priority.

Also, the qualifications for a "purely research based" VP position might need to be rather strong, in terms of published work and international standing; the requirements for a VP based on a teaching role are also a good CV, but less stringent requirements for the research credentials, but rather an assurance of the ability to fulfil the proposed teaching role.

For example,

A person who superannuated was requested as an NBHM VP citing the needs for sufficient numbers of qualified people, based on the teaching components of MSc and PhD course projections (e.g. listing the numbers of students, etc.). This was accepted, and he got the VP appointment.