

Balik Scientist Program — The Philippines' 50-Year Diaspora Science Repatriation Law

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Quality score: 71/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Since 1975, the Philippines' DOST has brought home nearly 700 Filipino scientists for R&D; stints; Republic Act 11035 (2018) institutionalised tax breaks, housing and grants, driving 120+ returns between mid-2022 and 2024.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-25

[Department of Science and Technology \(DOST\), Philippines](#) — accessed 2026-08-25

[DOST Balik Scientist Program \(official\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-25

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[Republic Act 11035 official text \(Senate of the Philippines\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-25

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