Applications are invited from suitable candidates for filling up purely temporary position of one Research Associate-I in the SERB-Power Grant project entitled “A novel miRNA-target module controlling rice grain size: Identification, confirmation and elucidation of its role in grain development and other seed-related traits, targeting crop improvement”, of Dr. Pinky Agarwal, Scientist, NIPGR. The details of the positions are as under:

**Research Associate I (one post):** Emoluments as per DST/DBT norms and as sanctioned in the project.

**Qualification:** Candidates fulfilling the eligibility criteria as mentioned in the DST Office Memorandum number SR/S9/Z-08/2018 dated January 30, 2019 with Ph.D. degree in Bioinformatics/Biotechnology/Botany/Life Sciences/Plant Molecular Biology or equivalent are eligible to apply. Candidates with exhaustive work experience in the laboratory with plant molecular biology, biochemistry and/or bioinformatics would be given preference.

The above positions is completely on temporary basis and co-terminus with the project. The fellowship/emolument amount for the above position is as sanctioned in the project and as per DBT/DST norms. The initial appointment will be for one year or till the tenability of the project whichever is earlier and the same can be curtailed/extended on the basis of assessment of the candidate's performance and discretion of the Competent Authority. NIPGR reserves the right to select the candidate against the above post depending upon the qualification and experience of the candidate. Reservation of posts shall be as per Govt. of India norms. The appointment may be terminated any time by giving one month notice by either side. The applicants will have no claim implicit or explicit for consideration against any regular position of NIPGR.

Eligible candidates may apply by sending soft copy through e-mail in the given format with a cover letter showing interest along with self-attested soft copies of the mark-sheets, certificates, (from Class X onwards) and proof of research experience/publications. **A single pdf file, consisting of application from cover letter, and all documents, must be sent to pinky.agarwal@nipgr.ac.in with in 15 days from the date of advertisement.** The subject line of the mail should be “Application for the Post of Research Associate-I in SERB funded project. A web-link with date and time of online interview will be e-mailed to the shortlisted candidates only. The candidates must ascertain their eligibility before applying, as ineligible candidates will not be interviewed. Canvassing in any form or bringing influence, political or otherwise, will lead to disqualification of the candidate(s).

**Note:** ONLY soft copy of the application in the given format will be accepted. Incomplete applications and those in the wrong format will be summarily rejected. No TA/DA will be paid for attending online interview. For any clarification candidates may contact Scientist in charge on above mentioned e-mail only.

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