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Applications are invited from suitable candidates for filling up the purely temporary positions of one **Project Associate-I** in the scheme of “NIPGR-Short-Term Research Fellowship”, under the supervision of Dr. Senthil-Kumar Muthappa, Scientist, NIPGR. The details of position are as under:

Project Associate-I (One post): **Emolument:** As per DST/DBT norms; **Age: 35 years**

Qualification: Candidates holding a Master's degree (with at least 55% marks) in Natural Sciences/Agriculture/Life sciences/Plant biology/Botany. Preference will be given to candidates having a degree in the field of Agronomy or equivalent and fulfilling the guidelines as per DST-OM number SR/S9/Z-05/2019 dated July 10, 2020, are eligible to apply.

Desirable criteria: The candidate should have research experience in growing crop plants like chickpea and phenotyping under field-mimic, and field conditions. The project work involves crop cultivation, crop protection, image- and sensor-based data collection, as well as routine maintenance and implementation of external projects for the SPROUT (SpeedSeed Phenotyping and Resource Optimization for Unified Trait-analysis) facility under rapid generation advancement/speed breeding conditions.

The above position 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 BRIC-NIPGR/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. BRIC-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 BRIC-NIPGR.

Eligible candidates may apply by filling out the Google Form (<https://forms.gle/MbmhnwauRau6ih8EA>) within 15 days from the date of advertisement. Applicants must upload a cover letter expressing their interest, along with a complete application/biodata in the prescribed format, self-attested scanned copies of all mark sheets and certificates (from Class X onwards), and supporting documents for research experience/publications, if any, compiled into a single PDF file and submit them through the Google Form. Incomplete applications or applications submitted without the required supporting educational certificates will be rejected. Candidates must use exactly the same name in the Google Form as it appears on their educational certificates. A web link for the online interview, along with the date and time, will be sent by email only to the shortlisted candidates. Candidates are advised to ensure that they meet the prescribed eligibility criteria before applying, as ineligible candidates will not be considered for shortlisting or interview.

Note: Only applications submitted through the above-mentioned Google Form will be accepted. Applications received through any other mode, including email, will not be considered. No TA/DA will be paid for attending the online interview. For any clarification regarding the advertisement or the application process, candidates may contact the Scientist-in-Charge through email only.

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