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Applications are invited from suitable candidates for filling up multi-institutional DBT research grant Biomanufacturing, for the project “Smart Pesticides 2.0: Development and Evaluation of dsRNA and Plant-Derived Metabolite for Targeted Fall Armyworm Management in Maize” for purely temporary position of one **RA-I** and one **PA-1** for 1 year or till completion of project, under the supervision of Dr. Jyothilakshmi Vadassery, Scientist, BRIC-NIPGR. The details of the positions are as under:

1) Research Associate-I (one post): Emoluments as per DST/DST norms.

Qualification: Candidates having Ph. D (doctoral) degree in Molecular Biology/Biochemistry/Plant Science/Life Science/Biotechnology or equivalent from recognized University and fulfilling the guidelines as per DST Office Memorandum DST-OM number DST/PCPM/Z-06/2022 dated 26/06/2023 are eligible to apply. Desirable: The candidate with experience in either entomology, insect/pathogen RNAi, bioreactors, maize-insect interactions or protein expression with publication in the field. The candidate must have atleast one paper in a Science Citation Indexed (SCI) indexed journal.

2) Project Associate-I (one post): Emoluments as per DST/DST norms: Age: 35 years

Qualification: Candidates having Master's Degree in Natural or Agricultural Sciences/MVSc from a recognized University or equivalent and fulfilling the guidelines as per DST-OM number SR/S9/Z-05/2019 dated July 10, 2020 are eligible to apply. The upper age limit for the above post is 35 years. Desirable: Candidate should have completed their M.Sc. dissertation related to Plant Sciences/Plant Molecular Biology/Ecology.

Eligible candidates for the above positions may send completed application on jyothi.nipgr@gmail.com in the given format with a cover letter showing interest and specifying the position along with attested copies of the certificates and proof of research experience. Incomplete application and lack of supporting educational/experience certificates will be rejected. Last date of application is on or before the 15 days after release of advertisement at BRIC-NIPGR website. Interview link will only be sent to shortlisted candidates. Note: ONLY soft copy of the application in the given format along with all certificates in a single PDF will be accepted. For any clarification candidates may contact Scientist in-charge through e-mail only.

The above positions are completely temporary and co-terminus with the project. The fellowship amount for the above position is as per DST/DBT norms and as sanctioned in the project. The initial appointment for the above post will be for one year or till the tenability of the project whichever is earlier, and tenure of the post can be curtailed/extended based on the assessment of the candidate's performance and the discretion of the Competent Authority. BRIC-NIPGR reserves the right to select the candidate against the above post depending upon the qualifications and experience of the candidate. Reservation of posts shall be as per Govt. of India norms. The appointment may be terminated at 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.

Only Shortlisted candidates will be called for online interview. A web-link with date and time of online interview will be e-mailed to the shortlisted candidates. 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).

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