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SCIENTIFIC GROUP LEADER (FACULTY) RECRUITMENT: STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY ADVERTISEMENT NO. 03/2012

The CDFD is an autonomous institute supported by the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, that uniquely blends a high-quality service facility in DNA profiling and diagnostics with basic research in the frontier areas of modern biology. The Centre also hosts an active and vibrant Ph.D. scholars program in these areas.

The Centre is issuing a special call for applications from Indian citizens for recruitment to one position of SCIENTIFIC GROUP LEADER (FACULTY) in the area of Structural Biology, to complement its existing strengths in other areas. The successful candidate will be expected to lead an independent group and to attract extramural research funding.

Applicants should possess a Ph.D. with research experience in projects involving determination of structures of biological macromolecules by X-ray crystallography, and an outstanding track record of scientific productivity as evident from publications in scientific journals. Although post-doctoral experience is desirable, exceptional candidates with a fresh Ph.D. may also be considered. The level of appointment, at either Assistant or Associate Professor equivalent, will depend on the length of experience and the quality of scientific productivity.

For further details on the advertised position and on the ongoing research and service activities, prospective applicants may visit the CDFD website (http://www.cdfd.org.in), where the details of application procedure are provided. Prospective applicants are also encouraged to contact any of the existing CDFD Faculty, for additional information or clarifications on the Centre's activities, its recruitment process, provision of start-up personnel and funds etc. Facilities for undertaking macromolecular X-ray Crystallography, including Bruker X-ray Crystallography apparatus and a Robotic Protein Crystallization System are already available at the Centre to enable the recruited individual to initiate experimental projects without delay.

There is no last date for receipt of applications, which will be evaluated periodically until the position is filled. Shortlisted applicants will be required either to appear before a Selection Committee or to visit the CDFD for a seminar and discussions before a decision is made.

Details of application procedure

Applicants are requested to submit Curriculum Vitae with name and contact details, date of birth, nationality, complete list of publications, research interests and future research plans either by post to The Director, CDFD, Bldg. 7, Gruhakalpa, 5-4-399/B, Nampally, Hyderabad-500001, India or by e-mail to scientist@cdfd.org.in.

The course which we strongly encourage for all the short-listed Staff +Scientist applicants is to visit us on a mutually convenient date and to interact with our faculty members. This gives us a chance to learn about the candidates' work in more detail. Moreover, this practice also helps the candidates in getting a true assessment of the work that is being carried out at CDFD and of the general living conditions in Hyderabad. For such a visit, the CDFD will reimburse the cost of economy class return airfare between a place in India and Hyderabad.

All short-listed applicants will also be called to appear before a duly constituted Selection Committee, and a letter to this effect will be sent to you by our Head, Administration once a date for such a meeting is finalized. In the case of those candidates who have already visited the CDFD for discussions and seminar, their appearance before the Selection Committee is optional and their applications can also be considered in absentia. On the other hand, applications of short-listed candidates who have not previously visited the CDFD will not be considered in absentia by the Selection Committee. Such candidates do, of course, have the option of visiting the CDFD at a later date (in case they also were not able to appear before the Selection Committee) to then be considered in absentia at a subsequent Selection Committee meeting, until the position is filled.