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ICFRE-INSTITUTE OF FOREST GENETICS & TREE BREEDING
(भारतीय वानिकी अनुसंधान एवं शिक्षा परिषद)
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Detailed advertisement for Recruitment of various temporary positions under various projects.

It is proposed to conduct an Interview to recruit **Consultant “A” (Project Manager), Senior Project Associate, Project Associate, Senior Research Fellow, Research Associate, Senior Project Fellow, Young Professional-I, Junior Research Fellow, Junior Project Fellow, Project Assistant and Field Assistant on purely temporary (Contractual) basis** for the research projects detailed below.

The eligible candidates are requested to attend the interview at ICFRE-Institute of Forest Genetics & Tree Breeding (IFGTB), R.S.Puram, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. The candidates are required to apply online through the link provided in the Institute’s website on or before **11.09.2026**. The date of Interview will be announced in the Institute’s website.

Consultant “A” (Project Manager)

Sl. No.	Project Code & Project Title	No of position	Qualification	Fellowship/ Stipend (Rs.)	Duration
1	NBA-UNDP-GEF Institutional Support for Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Strengthening Landscape Governance: An Integrated Framework for Digital Spatial Planning, Biodiversity Finance Tracking, and Community Bio-Enterprise Incubation. PI: Dr. A.Rajasekaran, Scientist-F	One (01)	Essential: Master’s degree in Science (or) Bachelor’s degree in Engineering/ Technology as minimum qualification with good knowledge of MS office. (OR) Ph.D. in allied disciplines. (OR) Retired Government employees with Grade Pay Rs.4,600/- and above. AND 3-5 years of professional experience in relevant fields. Desirable: Proven track record of academic/ service excellence with experience in relevant subject area and/ or contribution in Biodiversity conservation and sustainable Forest Development.	60,000/- per month fixed	The initial tenure of engagement would be one year. Consultations of the consultant beyond 1 year for up to an additional three years will be considered subject to performance and with the approval of the competent authority.

Senior Project Associate (SPA)

Sl. No.	Project Code & Project Title	No of position	Qualification	Fellowship/ Stipend (Rs.)	Duration
2	KFD Identification and Evaluation of Gene Targets for Control of Sandal Spike Disease in <i>Santalum album</i> L. PI: Dr. A.Balasubramanian, Scientist-B	One (01)	Essential: Master Degree in Biotechnology/ Plant Biotechnology/ Agricultural Biotechnology/ Plant Sciences or equivalent from a recognized University, with four years of experience in Research and Development in Industrial and Academic Institutions or Science and Technology Organizations and Scientific activities and services. (OR) Doctoral Degree (Ph.D) in Biotechnology/ Plant Biotechnology/ Agricultural Sciences/ Plant Sciences or equivalent from a recognized University. Desirable: • Qualified in any National Eligibility Test such as CSIR-UGC NET/LS, DBT-BET, ICAR-NET, GATE or equivalent national-level examinations with validity dates. • Experience in transcriptome (RNA-Seq), proteomic data analysis and functional genomics. • Experience in molecular biology techniques, including DNA/RNA isolation, PCR, RT-qPCR, cloning and gene expression analysis. • Experience in plant genetic transformation, tissue culture, and genetic engineering. • Experience in CRISPR/Cas-mediated genome editing and RNAi technologies. • Evidence of research publication in peer-reviewed journals.	57,000/- per month + 18% HRA	2026-2028 (2 years for SPA)

Project Associate-Technical (PAT)

Sl. No.	Project Code & Project Title	No of position	Qualification	Fellowship/ Stipend (Rs.)	Duration
3	UNEP-GEF Implementation of India's 5 th National Report on the Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol. PI: Dr. A.Balasubramanian, Scientist-B Place of Posting: MoEFCC, New Delhi.	One (01)	Essential: Doctoral Degree (Ph.D) in Biotechnology/ Plant Biotechnology/ Agricultural Sciences/ Plant Sciences or equivalent from a recognized University. Desirable: • 1-2 years of work experience in the regulation, biosafety assessment, and regulatory review of genetically modified organisms (GMOs). • Experience in technical assistance in preparing resource material, technical responses to the participants, for consultative meetings. • Knowledge in molecular biology techniques, including DNA/RNA isolation, PCR, RT-qPCR, cloning and gene expression analysis. • Knowledge in plant genetic transformation, tissue culture and genetic engineering. • Knowledge in CRISPR/ Cas-mediated genome editing and RNAi technologies.	66,000/- per month + 30% HRA	1 year.

Senior Research Fellow (SRF)

Sl. No.	Project Code & Project Title	No of position	Qualification	Fellowship/ Stipend (Rs.)	Duration
4	PPVFRA DUS Centre of <i>Melia dubia</i> PI: Dr. Rekha R.Warrier, Scientist-G	One (01)	Essential: (i) Post Graduate Degree in Genetics/ Plant Breeding/ Genetics and Plant Breeding. (OR) Post Graduate Degree in Horticulture/ Pomology/ Vegetable Science/ Floriculture/ Forestry/ Plant Genetic Resources/ Seed Science and Technology/ Seed Technology/ Plant Biotechnology/Botany /Plant molecular Biology/ Agriculture Botany with research work in Genetics/Plant Breeding/Biosystematics. (ii) Two years of relevant research and development experience in Genetics/ Plant Breeding/ Bio-systematics. Desirable: Working knowledge on Taxonomy and Statistics.	42,000/- per month + HRA	Three years (2026-2029)

Research Associate (RA)

Sl. No.	Project Code & Project Title	No of position	Qualification	Fellowship/ Stipend (Rs.)	Duration
5	UNEP-GEF Promoting the safe application of biotechnology through Multi-Country Cooperation in the implementation of National Biosafety Framework in Asia. PI: Dr. A.Balasubramanian, Scientist-B Place of Posting: MoEFCC, New Delhi.	RA-I One (01)	Essential: Doctoral (Ph.D) in Life Science/ Biotechnology/ Plant Biotechnology or equivalent from a recognized University. Desirable: • Qualified in any National Eligibility Test such as CSIR-UGC NET/LS, DBT-BET, ICAR-NET, GATE, or equivalent national level examinations with validity dates. • Knowledge in molecular biology techniques, including DNA/RNA isolation, PCR, RT-qPCR, cloning and gene expression analysis. • Knowledge in plant genetic transformation, tissue culture and genetic engineering. • Knowledge in CRISPR/ Cas-mediated genome editing and RNAi technologies.	70,000/- per month.	1 year.
6	PPV&FR Development of descriptors and DUS test guidelines for <i>Neolamarckia cadamba</i> (Roxb.) and establishment of field gene bank. PI: Dr. A.Vijayaraghavan, Scientist-F	RA One (01)	Essential: M.Sc in Forestry / Ph.D in Botany Desirable: M.Sc in Forestry with two years of experience in research projects. Ph.D in Botany with two years of experience in research projects.	42,000/- per month.	Two years.
7	NBA-UNDP-GEF Institutional Support for Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Strengthening Landscape Governance: An Integrated Framework for Digital Spatial Planning, Biodiversity Finance Tracking, and Community Bio-Enterprise Incubation. PI: Dr. A.Rajasekaran, Scientist-F	RA One (01)	Essential: First class Master's degree in Geo-informatics/ RS-GIS related subjects. Desirable: Ph.D in Geo-informatics/ RS-GIS related subjects in forestry sector and experience in project handling on application of RS-GIS. 1 to 3 years of experience in application of RS-GIS in research/ satellite image processing and interpretation.	40,000/- per month fixed.	1 year.

Senior Project Fellow (SPF)

Sl. No.	Project Code & Project Title	No of position	Qualification	Fellowship/ Stipend (Rs.)	Duration
8	UNEP-GEF Implementation of India's 5 th National Report on the Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol. PI: Dr. A.Balasubramanian, Scientist-B Place of Posting: ICFRE-IFGTB, Coimbatore.	One (01)	Essential: • First class Post Graduate Degree in Biotechnology/ Agricultural Biotechnology/ Life Science • At least two years of research experience after post-graduation. Desirable: • Experience in plant tissue culture, genetic transformation, transcriptome and proteomic data analysis. • Evidence of research publications in peer-reviewed journals.	28,000/- per month + HRA	1 year.

Young Professional-I (YP-I)

Sl. No.	Project Code & Project Title	No of position	Qualification	Fellowship/ Stipend (Rs.)	Duration
9	PPVFRA DUS Center for <i>Ailanthus excelsa</i> PI: Dr. D.Rajasugunasekar, Scientist-G	One (01)	Essential: Bachelor Degree in Botany/ Agriculture/ Horticulture Desirable: Experience in field data collection and familiarization in DUS testing procedures.	30,000/- per month (consolidated)	Up to March-2027
10	PPVFRA DUS Center for Casuarina and Eucalyptus PI: Dr. A.Nicodemus, Scientist-G	One (01)	Essential: M.Sc., in Botany/ Plant Sciences/ Forestry Desirable: Specialization in plant morphology and/or experience evaluation field trials and data analysis.	30,000/- per month (consolidated)	Up to March-2027 (Likely to continue)

Junior Research Fellow (JRF) / Junior Project Fellow (JPF)

Sl. No.	Project Code & Project Title	No of position	Qualification	Fellowship/ Stipend (Rs.)	Duration
11	DBT DBT-BIRAC-Mangrove Validation of Established Bio-restoration Technology for Degraded Mangroves with Site-Specific approach along Multi-Locations of Indian Coastlines and Evaluation of its Bio-Wealth Potential with Emphasis on Carbon Sequestration vis-à-vis Restored Native Biodiversity. PI: Dr. A.Rajasekaran, Scientist-F	JRF Two (02)	Essential: M.Sc., or equivalent degree in Marine Biology/ Marine Sciences/ Botany/ Forestry/ Plant Sciences/ Life Sciences/ Agriculture or related disciplines and Qualification in CSIR-UGC NET (Including LS), UGC-NET, GATE, ICAR-NET, or any other National Eligibility Test recognized by DST/DBT for Junior Research Fellowship with validity dates. Desirable: 1) Working knowledge of Mangroves and Marine ecology. 2) Having experience in extensive field survey and long stay in the field for data collection in coastal area of Tamil Nadu and Kerala.	37,000/- per month + HRA as admissible.	2 years. 2026 – 2028, June
12	NBM-5 Development of Bamboo furniture cluster in western Tamil Nadu using <i>Bambusa bambos</i> , <i>Dendrocalamus strictus</i> and <i>Guadua angustifolia</i> . PI: Shri M. Maria Dominic Savio, Scientist-E	JPF One (01)	Essential: First class M.Sc in Botany/ Forestry/ Agriculture/ Horticulture/ Plant Sciences. Desirable: Same as above Remarks: Aptitude for undertaking field work is essential.	24,000/- per month (consolidated)	2026-2030 (4 years)
13	NBM-6 Establishment of Bamboo based Livelihood Business Incubator. PI: Shri M. Maria Dominic Savio, Scientist-E	JPF One (01)	Essential: First class M.Sc in Botany/ Forestry/ Agriculture/ Horticulture/ Plant Sciences. Desirable: Same as above. Remarks: Aptitude for undertaking field work is essential.	24,000/- per month (consolidated)	2026- 2028, Dec
14	OFD-2 Selection and Evaluation of <i>Santalum album</i> Genetic Resources for Conservation and Sustainable Utilization in Odisha. PI: Dr. A.Mayavel, Scientist-E	JPF One (01)	Essential: M.Sc., in Biochemistry/ Horticulture/ Forestry Desirable: Laboratory handling techniques.	24,000/- per month + HRA as admissible.	2026-2030

15	KaFD Developing a tissue culture protocol for identified superior genotypes of Teak available in Karnataka for the mass production. PI: Dr. Rekha R. Warriar, Scientist-G	JPF One (01)	Essential: First class M.Sc, in Life Sciences/ Botany/ Biochemistry/ Biotechnology Desirable: Hands-on (at least one year) experience on tissue culture of tree species.	24,000/- per month + HRA as admissible.	Up to March-2027
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Project Assistant (PA)

Sl. No.	Project Code & Project Title	No of position	Qualification	Fellowship/ Stipend (Rs.)	Duration
16	UNEP-GEF Implementation of India's 5 th National Report on the Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol. PI: Dr. A.Balasubramanian, Scientist-B Place of Posting: MoEFCC, New Delhi.	One (01)	Essential: B.Tech/ M.Sc in Biotechnology/ Plant Biotechnology/ Agricultural Biotechnology/ Life Sciences or equivalent from a recognized University. Desirable: • Knowledge in basic molecular biology techniques. • Knowledge in plant genetic transformation, tissue culture and genetic engineering.	30,000/- per month + 30% HRA	1 year.
17	ICFRE Demand and Supply of medicinal plants in the states falling under the jurisdiction of Institute. PI: Dr. A.Rajasekaran, Scientist-F	Two (02)	Essential: B.Sc., in Botany/ Forestry/ Environmental Science/ Life Science/ Plant Science. Desirable: Research experience in the field of medicinal plants is essential. The candidate should be willing and able to travel, stay and conduct field and household surveys across Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Puducherry and Lakshadweep.	22,000/- per month fixed.	Six months (Sep 2026 – Feb 2027)
18	NBA-UNDP-GEF Institutional Support for Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Strengthening Landscape Governance: An Integrated Framework for Digital Spatial Planning, Biodiversity Finance Tracking, and Community Bio-Enterprise Incubation. PI: Dr. A.Rajasekaran, Scientist-F	One (01)	Essential: B.Sc in Botany/ Forestry/ Environmental Science/ Life Science/ Plant Science. Desirable: Knowledge of handling computers (MS Office and Data Entry) and statistical tools.	22,000/- per month fixed.	2 years and six months.

Field Assistant (FA)

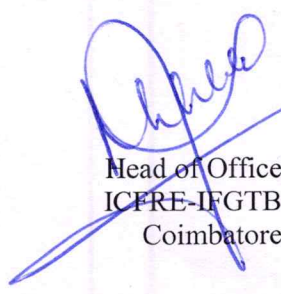
Sl. No.	Project Title & Project Number	No of position	Qualification	Fellowship/ Stipend (Rs.)	Duration of the project
19	PPVFRA Establishment and Management of Field Gene Bank for Maintenance of Plant Varieties Registered under PPVFRA Act, 2001. PI: Dr. Rekha R. Warrier, Scientist-G	One (01)	Essential: First class B.Sc, in Agriculture/ Forestry. Desirable: At least one year experience in field testing of crops, varietal improvement activities, trial management and data recording.	25,000/- per month Consolidated.	2026 to 2029 March
20	Alliance of Bioversity and CIAT Forests of the Future: Empowering Indigenous Women through Food Forests. PI: Dr. Rekha R. Warrier, Scientist-G	One (01)	Essential: First class M.Sc, in Life Sciences/ Botany. (Or) B.Sc, in Agriculture/ Forestry/ Horticulture. Desirable: At least one year experience in planting, and maintaining field crops, trial management and data recording. Clear verbal and written communication skills, competency in data analysis and reporting.	24,000/- per month Consolidated.	2026 to 2029 April
21	DBT DBT-BIRAC-Mangrove Validation of Established Bio-restoration Technology for Degraded Mangroves with Site-Specific approach along Multi-Locations of Indian Coastlines and Evaluation of its Bio-Wealth Potential with Emphasis on Carbon Sequestration vis-à-vis Restored Native Biodiversity. PI: Dr. A. Rajasekaran, Scientist-F	Four (04)	Essential: B.Sc., in Botany/ Zoology/ Environmental Science/ Agriculture/ Forestry. Desirable: 1) Knowledge of Mangroves and Marine ecology. 2) Having experience in extensive field survey and long stay in the field for data collection in coastal area of Tamil Nadu and Kerala.	20,000/- per month + HRA as admissible.	2 years. 2026 –2028 June

Terms and conditions:

1. Only Indian nationals are eligible.
2. Age limit as on **11.09.2026**
Young Professional-I - 35 years,
Senior Project Associate - 35 years,
Project Associate - 35 years,
Research Associate – 35 years,
Senior Research/Project Fellow - 32 years,
Junior Project/Research Fellow - 28 years,
Project Assistant & Field Assistant - 25 years.
(Relaxable up to 5 years for SC/ST, Women, PwBD and OBC candidates)

Consultant “A” – 65 years for all categories.

3. Candidates should **submit their application online at the link provided in the website of this Institute. Online Registration process will be closed at 11.59 pm on 11.09.2026.**
4. The position is **purely temporary** and **co-terminus** with the project period or earlier depending on the performance of the candidates.
5. Recruitment for the above temporary positions is governed by rules of the Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education and does not guarantee subsequent employment in any Institutes under the Council.
6. The Candidates are advised to go through the detailed guideline before starting the online registration.
7. All the Interview related communication like date of Interview will be updated only in the Institute's website. No other means of communication will be made in this regard. Therefore, candidates are requested to visit the website regularly for updates.
8. The shortlisted Candidates should bring copy of the application submitted online along with all the **copies/original testimonials** on educational qualifications and community certificate for verification at the time of Interview. **Candidates without Provisional Certificate / Degree Certificate awarded by the Universities shall not attend the interview.**
9. Canvassing in any form for/by the applicant shall not be entertained and shall disqualify his/her candidature.
10. Any attempt on the part of a candidate to obtain support for his candidature by any means may disqualify him/her for selection.
11. No TA/DA will be paid for participating in the Interview.


Head of Office,
ICFRE-IFGTB,
Coimbatore.

Guideline to fill the Application Form

1. Candidates are required to apply online through the link provided in the website only. No other means/mode of application will be accepted. Candidates need to bring copy of filled in application form along with hard copies of the uploaded documents at the time of Interview.
2. Candidates are required to have a valid personal e-mail ID and valid mobile number. It should be kept active during the currency of this recruitment process. In case a candidate does not have a valid personal e-mail ID, he/she should create his/her new e-mail ID before applying online. Under no circumstances, he/she should share/mention e-mail ID to /of any other person.
3. Candidates should thoroughly go through the vacancy notification first to know the eligibility, age criteria, etc.
4. Candidates should fill up correct details in the application form having all the details relating to age, personal details, educational qualification etc., online in the application form.
5. Candidates are advised to fill the details in the online Google form (link given below) and attach the duly filled application along with the Certificates, SSLC mark sheet for age, Provisional/Degree certificates for educational qualification and community/PwBD certificate for category/Age relaxation.