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Admission for Research Scholars Program – I – 2023 (RSP – I – 2023)

The CDFD (Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics), Hyderabad, is a premier institute in the country, which provides services in DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics and conducts cutting edge basic and translational research in frontier areas of modern biology.

Our current research themes include:

Cell & Molecular Biology, Computational Biology, Disease Biology, Genetics, Molecular Microbiology and Immunology (please see our website www.cdfd.org.in for details)

We invite applications from highly motivated candidates for admission to our Research Scholars Program, beginning February / March 2023. Keeping in view the interdisciplinary nature of modern biology, we especially encourage persons from diverse backgrounds to apply. Those admitted as Research Scholars would be encouraged to register under the Ph.D. program of Manipal Academy of Higher Education or Regional Centre for Biotechnology. The selection for RSP – I – 2023 shall be based on interview conducted through online mode, as detailed below.

Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible for Admission to the CDFD RSP – I – 2023, the candidate must have:

1. A Master's degree in any branch of Science, Technology, or Agriculture OR MBBS from a recognized University / Institute.
2. Qualified for a Junior Research Fellowship from CSIR / UGC / DBT / ICMR / INSPIRE / JEST / UGC – RGNF or any other similar examination with fellowship.

*Candidates having qualified for Project – JRF under the ICMR funded project Scheme [which is only for a period of two years] OR DBT JRF NET with a B.Tech. [Biotechnology] degree OR DBT JRF NET under DBT – B category list OR LS-NET qualification only in CSIR-UGC (NET) examination are **NOT** eligible to apply.*

3. A valid fellowship is an ABSOLUTE requirement for pursuing Ph.D. at CDFD. However,
 - a) A candidate is allowed to submit application without having qualified valid fellowship.
 - b) If a candidate's fellowship result is **AWAITED**, the candidate must **UPDATE** the fellowship status positively before the interview, via email to rsp@cdfd.org.in. Only those candidates who hold a valid fellowship will be eligible for interview.

Selection Procedure:

Admission to the CDFD – RSP – I – 2023 will be based on an **interview via video conference**; scheduled to be held in late **January / early February, 2023 (the exact dates will be informed along with the list of candidates shortlisted for the interview)**. The candidates should be available for more than one round of interviews, spread over a week, if needed.

The list of candidates shortlisted for interview will be displayed in last week of December, 2022.

Subsequent to the interviews, applicants will be encouraged to contact CDFD faculty through email or phone to familiarize themselves with the research interests of the various faculty.

Application Procedure:

Interested candidates who fulfill the above conditions may register their names for **RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM – I – 2023** by applying in the prescribed application form **online**. The link for the application form is available at <http://www.cdfd.org.in/rsp/>. Please upload soft copies of certificates in support of date of birth, educational qualifications, reservation category (if applicable), and fellowship examination qualified. Please contact <rsp@cdfd.org.in> for any queries.

The Online application facility will be closed on **December 14, 2022**.

Director, CDFD reserves the right to accept / reject any or all applications.

Note:

- CDFD's Research Scholars Program is a fully residential program. The selected candidates will have to stay on campus.
- Mere fulfilment of the minimum requirements stipulated in the notification would not automatically entitle a person for selection. The decision of CDFD in this regard shall be final. Canvassing in any form and/or bringing in any influence, political or otherwise, will be treated as a disqualification.
- The fellowship **MUST** be valid at the time of joining (February / March 2022).

Important dates:

Last date for submitting online application	–	December 14, 2022
Display of shortlist for interview	–	Last week of December, 2022
Date(s) of Interview	–	Late January / early February, 2023 [Date(s) to be announced later]

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