Objective
Jawaharlal Nehru University, on behalf of Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India, will conduct the BioInformatics National Certification (BINC) examination. The objective of this examination is to identify bioinformatics professionals. This will help potential employers in recruitment of candidates having exceptionally good bioinformatics skills.

Eligibility
Graduates and above in any science, agriculture, veterinary, medicine, pharmacy, engineering and technology are eligible to appear for the examination. They need not have any formal training, diploma or certificate in bioinformatics.

Application and syllabus
The online application can be filled from 13 December 2010 to 3 February 2011. Syllabus approved by National advisory committee is available online. It consists of five sections: Bioinformatics, Biology, Physical and Chemical Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics, and IT.

Examination
The examination fee is Rs 600 for candidates from open category and Rs 450 for reserved category candidates (as per Government of India rule). The examination is scheduled on 26–27 February 2011. The paper I will be of objective type. The paper II will be of short answer type, while the paper III will be a computer-based practical. Research fellowships for all the successful candidates those who are interested and qualified in pursuing Ph.D. in India will be awarded. In addition 10 cash prizes for top 10 successful candidates will be awarded.

Examination centres
University of Pune, Pune; Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; West Bengal Technical University, Kolkata; Anna University, Chennai; Institute of Bioinformatics and Applied Biotechnology, Bangalore; University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad and North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong. Additional Centres will be announced soon.

Please visit the following website for detailed information and registration:

http://binc.scisjnu.ernet.in/