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 basic research in the frontier areas of modern biology. The current research themes include:

- Computational and structural biology, genetics and epigenetics, silkworm genomics, molecular pathogenesis, cancer and stem cell biology, cell signalling, and molecular and cellular biology (the details are listed on our website www.cdfd.org.in).

We invite applications from highly motivated candidates, willing to take up challenges in modern biology, for admissions to our Research Scholars programme. 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 apply for the Ph.D. programme of Manipal University or University of Hyderabad.

Eligibility: Master’s degree in any branch of Science, Technology, or Agriculture from a recognized university/institute or MBBS candidates who have not completed their final year/fourth semester examination are not eligible for RSP-II-2012.

Candidates (other than MBBS graduates) must have cleared the CSIR/UGC/DBT/ICMR/ICAR/BINC/INSPIRE NET or JEST for JRF. Candidates who are within the Top 50 Ranks of Biotechnology (BT), Life Sciences (XL) or Chemistry (CY) stream of GATE examination may also apply. Candidates having qualified for the Project-JRF fellowship under the ICMR funded project Scheme (which is only for a period of two years) and those who have qualified DBT JRF NET with a B.Tech. (Biotechnology) degree, are not eligible to apply. MBBS candidates are exempted from any of the eligibility tests mentioned herein.

Admission to CDFD – Research Scholars programme is based on a 2-tier system involving a written/LAN based examination followed by interview of candidates who have qualified the written/LAN based examination. Only those candidates will be allowed to appear for the CDFD RSP-II-2012 examination and interview who produce proof of having cleared the CSIR/UGC/DBT/ICMR/ICAR/BINC/INSPIRE NET JRF or have qualified BINC examination conducted by the DBT with fellowship or GATE (All India Top 50 Ranks in BT, XL or CY) or JEST.

For queries regarding the mode of exam, syllabus, etc. click on FAQs.

Interested candidates who fulfil the above conditions may register their names for RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM-II–2012 by applying in the prescribed application form online. Complete the application form online at http://www.cdfd.org.in

The online facility of application will open on 1 October 2012 and will be closed on 30 November 2012.

In the case of candidates whose JRF examination results are announced before the written/LAN based examination of CDFD takes place, and have qualified the NET with fellowship are also eligible to appear for the CDFD examination upon furnishing the relevant details of having cleared the JRF/NET with fellowship under ‘Spot Registration’ Category.

Applications may also be made on plain paper as per the format displayed on our website. Candidates applying off-line may send their application form along with the certificates in support of date of birth, educational qualifications, caste and NET fellowship, etc. to The Head – Administration, Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD), Office Block: 2nd Floor, Bldg. 7, Gruhakalpa, 5-4-399/B, M. J. Road, Nampally, Hyderabad 500 001, so as to reach on or before 3 December 2012.

The list of short-listed candidates for the LAN examination will be displayed on our website on 14 December 2012. The Individual Admit Card/Hall Ticket with details of user name, password, venue of the examination and time will be sent through e-mail. No individual intimation letter would be sent.

Eligible candidates will be called for Computer based LAN examination on 20 January 2013. Those who qualify the LAN based examination will be interviewed on 21 January 2013. No TA/DA will be paid. Director, CDFD reserves the right to accept/reject any or all applications without assigning any reasons whatsoever.