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Position of Postdoctoral Fellow for Synchrotron support at Indian Beamline in the Photon Factory, KEK, Tsukuba, Japan

Applications are invited for Postdoctoral Fellows for pursuing research in frontier areas of Materials Science particularly involving Nano-materials using Synchrotron at Indian Beamline at Photon Factory, KEK, Japan. For details about Beamline Project/Facility, visit website: http://www.jncasr.ac.in. The fellowships will be awarded from the project ‘Indian Beamline at Photon Factory, KEK, Tsukuba Phase II’ under the Nano Mission and National Supercomputing Mission, Technology Missions Division (TMD), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India.

Eligibility, term and other details
The applicant should either hold a Ph.D. degree in Science or Engineering (preferably in the areas of Physics, Chemistry or Materials Science) or have submitted the final synopsis for the Ph.D. thesis involving research experience in X-ray scattering techniques. Preference will be given to the candidates having experience in synchrotron studies involving high pressure, low temperature or surface scattering techniques like reflectivity, GISAXS. The candidate (below 40 years of age as on 15 August 2022) should have good academic record and proven interests in Nano Science and Technology.

Those holding a permanent position are also encouraged to apply for a deputation through proper channel, preferably sending an advanced copy by e-mail.

The selected candidate will be the local in-charge of the Indian Beamline and will work at KEK to support users of the Indian Beamline (posted in KEK for approximately 6 months or more depending on activities in the Beamline) and remaining period of the year in India. The selected person can also have own beamtime to carry out research activities and will be provided opportunities to collaborate with scientists in KEK, as also visiting scientists from India. The term of the position is presently till 31 March 2023. However, depending on the performance of the candidate and based on the extension of the term of the project, the contract term may be extended for further period.

Remuneration
Candidates with Ph.D. degree when posted at KEK, Japan will be paid a remuneration approximately Rs 220,000 per month (equivalent to JPY 330,000). When posted in India, they will be paid Rs 50,000 (fixed) per month. Candidates who have submitted the final synopsis for Ph.D. thesis or submitted Ph.D. thesis but not awarded the degree, will be paid approximately Rs 163,000 per month (equivalent to JPY 240,000) and when posted in India, they will be paid a remuneration of Rs 35,000 per month (fixed). The remuneration indicated above is inclusive of the subsistence allowance when posted in Japan.

Mode of selection
The candidates will be selected based on the recommendation of a Selection Committee after the scrutiny of their bio-data, research proposal and performance in the interview. Applicant’s academic and research record in X-ray synchrotron related experiments, and the merit of the proposed research will be the key factors for consideration.

Mode of application
Candiates may submit their application along with the updated bio-data, list of publications (attach reprints of two important papers), copies of all the available certificates (B.Sc., M.Sc., M.Tech., Ph.D.), one-page synopsis of the Ph.D. thesis, a summary of research carried out and a summary of the proposed research, if any. The candidate should request one referee to send their confidential evaluation directly to the e-mail ID given below. A declaration stating that if selected, the candidate will complete the tenure of the fellowship should also be furnished.

Interested candidates can send their applications along with the enclosures in the pdf form to the Faculty Coordinator of the project: Prof. Sebastian C. Peter, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Jakkur, Bengaluru 560 064, India to the e-mail address [india-japan@jncasr.ac.in].

The last date for receiving applications is 15 September 2022.