Applications are invited for **six Birbal Sahni Research Scholarships** to be held at the Universities where a strong base of science exists.

**Minimum Qualifications**

M.Sc. Botany/Geology or equivalent qualification with high academic attainments both in graduate and postgraduate levels.

**Age limit**

Upper age limit is 28 years as on 1 April 2002. A relaxation of age limit up to 3 years may be considered in case of those who are suitably qualified and have research training/teaching experience. In case of applicants from Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe/Other Backward Classes, age relaxation up to 5 years may be allowed.

**Conditions**

1. The Birbal Sahni Research Scholarship Scheme has been instituted to provide opportunities to young persons for research and training in the field of palaeobotany and allied disciplines.

2. Tenure of scholarship is two years. Research Scholar shall be entitled to a scholarship amount of Rs 5000 p.m. during first and second year. If the research output is found satisfactory, the Research Scholar will be allowed to continue for the third year with scholarship amount of Rs 5600 p.m. Further extension of one year may be considered in very exceptional cases.

3. The Scholar will register himself for higher research degree within a period of eight months of joining.

4. HRA and medical benefits may be allowed as per the Staff Rules of the Institute.

5. A supervisor of the university concerned will be appointed by the Institute after the selection process of the candidate. If need be, a co-supervisor from the Institute will also be appointed.

6. No Research Scholar will be allowed to discontinue his scholarship without prior approval of the Institute.

7. For further details visit us at [http://www.india-org](http://www.india-org)

**How to apply**

Application on plain paper from the candidate along with his/her research proposal duly forwarded by his/her prospective supervisor in an Indian University together with the copies of marksheets, certificates, degrees, testimonials, etc. should reach the Registrar, Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, 53, University Road, Lucknow 226 007, on or before 5 April 2002.

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