Applications are invited from Indian nationals for the award of ‘DBT–Junior Research Fellowship’ for pursuing research in frontier areas of Biotechnology and Applied Biology. The fellowship is tenable in Universities/Institutes participating in the DBT-sponsored M.Sc./M.Tech. (Biotechnology) teaching programme. The fellowships are awarded under a programme sponsored by the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, New Delhi.

**Eligibility**

Those who have passed (2002–03) or will appear (2004) for M.Sc. Biotechnology, M.Tech. and M.Sc. Agricultural Biotechnology exclusively from the centres supported by the DBT, New Delhi, are eligible for this award. The applicants should be below the age of 28 years, and 33 years in case of reserved categories including women candidates. Candidates with 55% of the total marks (equivalent in grade) are eligible.

**Details of the award**

The fellowship is for a period of five years with a provision for SRF upon assessment after two years as JRF as per CSIR rules. The fellowship will be Rs 8000 per month (Rs 9000 for SRF) + HRA as admissible, and a research contingency of Rs 20,000 per year.

**Mode of selection**

The candidates will be selected based on their C. V. and performance in the interview. The interview will be held at the University of Pune, Pune, during June 2004 and candidates called for the interview will be paid II class railway (non-AC)/bus fare by the shortest route from their home town.

**Mode of application**

Candidates should apply in the prescribed application form obtainable from the Co-ordinator, DBT–JRF programme, Department of Biotechnology University of Pune, Pune 411 007, along with the copies of certificates and marksheets latest by **10 June 2004**. The application format may also be downloaded from the URL www.unipune.ernet.in. An application fee of Rs 500 (Rs 250 for SC/ST/PH categories) in the form of a DD in favour of Registrar, University of Pune should be sent along with the application.

Applications should be addressed to:

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