SHRI AMM MURUGAPPA CHETTIAR RESEARCH CENTRE (MCRC)
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Call for Research Fellows

MCRC is one of the premier research organisations in India and belongs to the Murugappa Group. The Centre’s research focuses on energy, environment, biotechnology, agriculture and rural development. Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the award of fellowships to work on a research project in the area of Bioprocess engineering (Microbial Metabolites) sponsored by one of India’s major fertilizer conglomerates. The details of the positions are:

**Posts:**
1. One Research Associate (RA).
2. One Junior Research Fellow (JRF).
3. One Chemist

**Essential:**
- **RA:** Ph.D Botany/Biotechnology/Microbiology/M. Tech in Chemical Engineering.
- Experience with good publications in peer reviewed journals.
- **JRF:** M.Sc Biotechnology/Microbiology NET/GATE passed candidates preferable.
- **Technical Assistant:** B.Sc Chemistry/Microbiology

**Period:** Two years.

**Desirable:** Expertise in bioprocess engineering, strong research aptitude, knowledge of modern analytical and instrumentation techniques as well as Computer knowledge (Microsoft/Linux based work stations).

**Stipend:**
- **RA:** Rs 15,000 per month (Consolidated);
- **JRF:** Rs 10,000 per month for NET/GATE qualified candidates and/or 8000 per month for Non-qualified candidates;
- **Chemist:** Rs 5000 per month.

Interested candidates may apply with detailed bio-data and two letters of recommendation by 20th August 2004 to: Prof. P. N. Raju, Acting Director or Dr M. Harish Kumar, Deputy Director, Shri AMM Murugappa Chettiar Research Centre (MCRC), Tharamani, Chennai 600 113, Ph: +91-44-22430 937; Fax: +91-44-22330 369; Email: energy1@vsnl.com; energy@mcrc.Murugappa.com

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PLANETARY EXPLORATION PROGRAMME
PHYSICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY, AHMEDABAD

FIFTH WORKSHOP ON MOON & METEORITES
5–10 NOVEMBER 2004

With the aim of creating awareness amongst scientists, particularly in universities and national laboratories and attracting bright, talented students to take up research work in the challenging area of Planetary Science/Exploration, the PLANEX programme of ISRO has been organizing periodic workshops and training programmes. The 5th Workshop in this series is planned to be held at the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad during 5–10 November 2004, on the theme ‘Moon and Meteorites’. The main features of this workshop are listed below:

- The workshop will consist of lectures by experts, group discussion and laboratory visits.
- Three or four bright participants will be selected for further intensive training in specialized fields related to the thrust areas in Planetary Sciences.

Post-doctoral Fellows, Research Scholars working towards their Ph.D. Degree and final year M.Sc. students in Physics, Chemistry and Earth Sciences may apply.

Selected participants (about 30) will be provided travel support, accommodation and boarding for the duration of the workshop.

Interested scientists/students may write or send e-mail to the following address before 15 September 2004, enclosing a brief bio-data, research interests (in ~ 200 words) and a reference letter from Department Head/Research Supervisor.

Prof. S. V. S. Murty, Planetary and Geosciences Division, Physical Research Laboratory, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad 380 009, Phone: (079) 26302129; Fax: (079) 26301502; E-mail: murty@prl.ernet.in

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