Applications are invited for five Birbal Sahni Research Associateships and nine Birbal Sahni Research Scholarships tenable at the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, Lucknow.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND AGE LIMIT:**

**Birbal Sahni Research Associateships:**

M.Sc. in Botany/Geology/relevant discipline with high academic attainments both at graduate and postgraduate levels. Three years research experience in appropriate discipline. OR Ph.D. in appropriate discipline.

**Age limit:** 32 years as on 01 April 2006. A relaxation of age-limit up to 3 years may be considered by the competent authority in the case of applicants who are suitably qualified and have research training/teaching experience in relevant discipline. In the case of applicants of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe/Other Backward Classes, age relaxation up to 5 years may be allowed.

**Birbal Sahni Research Scholarships:**

M.Sc. in Botany/Geology/relevant discipline with high academic attainments both at graduate and postgraduate levels.

**Age limit:** 28 years as on 01 April 2006. A relaxation of age-limit up to 3 years may be considered by the competent authority in the case of applicants who are suitably qualified and have research training/teaching experience in relevant discipline. In the case of applicants of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe/Other Backward Classes, age relaxation up to 5 years may be allowed.

**RELEVANT DISCIPLINES**

The fields of palaeobotany and allied disciplines such as Precambrian Palaeobiology, Palaeozoic Palaeobotany/ Palynology, Mesozoic Palaeobotany/Palynology, Cenozoic Palaeobotany/Palynology, Quaternary Palynology/ Palaeoclimates, Marine Micropalaeontology/Micropalaeobotany, Coal Petrology/Source Rock Evaluation, Industrial Palynology (Hydrocarbon Exploration) and Archaeobotany/Dendrochronology.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

1. The tenure of Birbal Sahni Research Associateship is three years. The Research Associates shall be entitled to a sum of Rs 11,000 pm during first year, a sum of Rs 11,500 pm during second year and Rs 12,000 pm during third year after reviewing his/her performance for the preceding two years by a Committee constituted by the Director.
2. The tenure of the Birbal Sahni Research Scholarship is two years. The Research Scholars shall be entitled to a scholarship amount of Rs 8000 pm during the first and second year. After the period of two years, the progress report of the Research Scholars will be assessed along with publications/accepted research papers, research reports, etc. by a Committee constituted by the Director. If found satisfactory, the Research Scholars may be allowed to continue for the third year with the scholarship amount of Rs 9000 pm.
3. Only the Indian citizens normally resident in India are eligible for Research Associateships/Research Scholarships.
4. Mere fulfilling of the minimum advertised qualification and experience requirements do not automatically entitle an applicant to be called for test and/or interview.
5. All the applications received within the due date in response to this advertisement shall be considered for short-listing by a Screening Committee and only the candidates recommended by the Screening Committee will be called for test and/or interview. The decision of the Institute on short-listing will be final and the Institute will not entertain any correspondence in this respect.
6. The award of Associateship/Scholarship shall not imply any assurance or guarantee for subsequent employment at the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, Lucknow.
7. Usual infrastructure facilities for research purpose will be provided by the Institute. The nomination of the Supervisor and Co-Supervisor (if need be) for Birbal Sahni Research Scholars and the placement of the Birbal Sahni Research Scholars and Birbal Sahni Research Associates in various Projects/Departments will be made by the Director.
8. HRA and medical benefits may be allowed as per the Staff Rules of the Institute.
9. No Research Associate/Research Scholar will be allowed to discontinue his scholarship without prior approval of the Institute.
10. Each Research Associate/Research Scholar will have to sign an agreement along with the terms and conditions with the Institute for the award of Birbal Sahni Research Associateship/Birbal Sahni Research Scholarship to him/her before joining.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Application on plain paper from the candidate 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, UP on or before 17 March 2006.

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