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Introducing Research & Teaching Assistantship (RTA) Scheme
Offering a teaching & research career for academically brilliant, motivated
Post Graduate Degree Holders in all Disciplines

ABOUT IGNOU
Indira Gandhi National Open University is a Central University established in 1985 by an Act of Parliament and funded directly by the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Govt. of India.
It is a National Resource Centre of Open and Distance Learning with international recognition and presence. It provides seamless access to sustainable and learner-centric quality education, skill upgradation, training and capacity building across the country and abroad by making use of innovative technologies in distance education, open learning and on-line teaching learning methodologies.
The University ensures convergence of existing systems of teaching-learning for the massive human resource required for promoting integrated national development and global understanding.
The University provides multi-channel multiple media teaching learning packages for instruction and self-learning like self-instructional print and audio-video materials, interactive radio and television broadcasts, face-to-face counseling, laboratory and hands-on experience, tele- and video-conferencing, interactive multimedia CD-ROM and internet-based learning.
With the availability of EduSat, the University is poised to take giant steps towards ICT-, web- and Satellite-based education across the globe and pursue flexible and blended learning further.
The Distance Education Council (DEC) of IGNOU coordinates and promotes open and distance learning systems in the country as well as monitoring and determining their quality and standards.
It is the apex body that regulates, distributes the funds from the Central Govt. and Distance Education Institutes of Dual Mode Universities in the country.
and provides academic and infrastructural support to State Open Universities.

The Philosophy behind Research & Teaching Assistantship (RTA)
This is a new scheme of IGNOU designed to meet the high-quality human resource requirements in teaching and research in the areas of the highly technology-intensive Open and Distance Learning, ICT-, web-, satellite-based and online learning in the various disciplines of higher education.

Essential Profile
The Scheme is open to post-graduate degree holders with a consistently top academic record and who would like to do teaching and research in discipline-based ODL pedagogy.

Job Location
The RTA scheme will be tenable in all Schools and Academic/Training Divisions/Institutes of IGNOU in the head quarters, Regional Centers of the University, State Open Universities, Distance Education Institutes and any other institution recognized by the University for this purpose.

Responsibilities
The RTA selected under the scheme has to do full-time research under an approved guide and can be registered for Ph.D. under the rules of the University. The RTA has also teaching responsibilities for a minimum of 5hrs a week along with full-time research.

Duration
The RTA will be initially for a period of 3 years; after this based on a progress evaluation the RTA will be upgraded to the senior category for a further maximum period of 2 years.

Emoluments
The emoluments during the first 3 years will be Rs. 10,000/- p.m. with an annual contingent grant of Rs. 20,000/-.
For the senior category for the 4th and 5th year, the RTA monthly emoluments will be Rs. 12,000/-.
An amount of Rs. 5000/- p.a. will be paid as overhead charges to the institution where the RTA is availed.

How to apply
The application forms and other details can be obtained from the Director, Academic Co-ordination Division, Block-1, Room No. 18, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi - 110 068 on all working days between 10.00 hrs and 17.00 hrs in person.
The application forms can also be obtained by post by sending a self addressed envelope (stamped worth Rs. 27/- size 20 cm x 25 cm). The last date for receipt of the forms is 25th May, 2007.
The details regarding the above scheme can also be had from the University's website.

Website: www.ignou.ac.in.