Applications for the post of Director
National Institute for Plant Genome Research (NIPGR), New Delhi

Applications are invited for the post of Director of the National Institute for Plant Genome Research (NIPGR), New Delhi, an autonomous institute under the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, from Indian citizens including those staying abroad and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) who should be an outstanding biomedical scientist with proven scientific record in the area of plant molecular biology and excellent leadership and managerial qualities.

The candidate should possess:

(i) Essential: (a) Postgraduate Degree in Modern Biology; (b) Doctorate Degree or equivalent in Plant Molecular Biology or related field; (c) Outstanding scientific and academic credentials in the area of Plant Molecular Biology; (d) Ability to carry out independent research and provide leadership for research in emerging areas of Plant Molecular Biology; (e) Minimum of 15 years of experience in a responsible position of work in any R&D/Planning/Academic/Scientific Institution/Organization/Department.

(ii) Desirable: (a) Three years experience as the Head of any R&D/Planning/Academic/Scientific Institution/Organization/Department; (b) Experience of interaction with National/International Scientific Institution/Organization involved in promotion of Plant Molecular research.

The mandate of the Institute is to carry out high quality basic and applied research in an end-to-end manner with the ultimate objective of developing new knowledge and products of relevance to the country.

The applicant should not be exceeding 55 years of age, but age relaxation will be allowed for exceptional cases. The appointment will be on contract basis for a period of five years which will be extendable for a further term, subject to the maximum age limit of 60 years. The post carries pay scale of Rs 18,400–500–22,400 and usual allowances as per Govt of India Rules. The applications along with details, curriculum vitae indicating the date of birth, address for correspondence including telephone, fax and e-mail address, qualifications acquired, professional and research experience, present position and scale of pay with total emoluments, publication details and a 500 word write-up on the candidate's vision of NIPGR for the next ten years may be sent to Shri Virendra Kapoor, Deputy Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Block-2, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi 110 003 superscribing the cover 'Application for the Post of Director, NIPGR', so as to reach within two months time from the date of this advertisement.

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