EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
for
UNESCO REGIONAL CENTRE FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY
TRAINING & EDUCATION

Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India is in quest of a vibrant leader to spearhead establishment and manage thereafter the UNESCO Regional Centre for Biotechnology Training & Education, an autonomous institution, and a part of Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Cluster, located in Faridabad (40 minutes drive from New Delhi) in the National Capital Region. The position offers a unique opportunity to provide strong and visionary leadership to the new centre.

The picturesque location of the Centre will be in the academic and research ambience of a Life Science cluster like the Translational Health Science Technology Institute (in collaboration with MIT, USA), the National Institute of Immunology, Technology Platforms, a Vaccine Development Centre, a Molecular Diagnostics Centre, Animal Research Facilities. The UNESCO Centre will provide opportunities for seamless co-operation with the other centres of the cluster, and renowned institutions like All India Institute of Medical Sciences; Indian Institute of Technology; International Centre for Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology; National Brain Research Centre.

The Centre’s mission is to provide world class interdisciplinary research with interphase of biology, chemistry, engineering and physical sciences; education and training in Life Sciences with M.Sc., Ph.D., MD – Ph.D. courses in gap areas in the region, e.g. Biomedical Engineering; Nano Biotechnology; Synthetic Biology; Molecular Cell Biology; Molecular Breeding; Genomics; Drug Discovery; Clinical Pharmacology and Pharmacogenomics.

The activities of this Centre will be governed and monitored through a Board of Governors with participation of stakeholders. The National Institute of Immunology will provide administrative support for the initial period and lab space for the selected candidate in the interim phase.

Professional Requirements

Qualifications
- Ph.D., MD or equivalent degree and excellent track record with peer reviewed publications;
- Global network of scientific contacts in the field of biotechnology;
- Able to command respect of the academic and the user communities across the domain of biological sciences through personal achievements in research and standing in the field.

Experience
- Competence in managing research groups and interdisciplinary projects in areas of science, engineering, biomedical research;
- Demonstrated ability to translate scientific results into innovative applied technologies and new ventures;
- Networking with global institutions, industries and governmental agencies.

Skills
- A creative personality with strong leadership and managerial skills with efficiency and probity;
- Effective cross talks with cluster partners;
- Strong communication skills to develop strong links with academic world;
- Lateral thinker capable of finding new approaches to multidisciplinary research, education and training for value addition to the Centre’s programmes.

Compensation
Salary, allowances and other perks will be same as that applicable to the highest executive level in the Government of India.

Applications should include curriculum vitae, incorporating research experience and a write-up of your plans and vision how to develop the regional centre for training, education and research.

Application should be sent to Mr S. Sinha, Adviser, Medical Biotechnology Division-I, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Block No. 2, 8th Floor, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110 003, India or e-mail at: urc.dbt@gmail.com; Telefax: 91-11-24363760; Fax: 91-11-24362884. The closing date is 18 August 2008.

Note: Additional information about the Centre, its structure, facilities and programmes, etc. are available at http://www.dbtindia.nic.in