APPLICATIONS FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL BRAIN RESEARCH CENTRE, MANESAR, INDIA

Applications are invited for the post of Director, National Brain Research Centre (NBRC), a deemed university for brain research. The Centre, located at Manesar, Haryana, 50 km south west of Delhi, is involved in high quality multidisciplinary research in Neuroscience. The major objectives of NBRC are to undertake basic research to understand brain function in health and disease. In addition to the intramural research activity at the main centre, NBRC also promotes networking of the existing research groups in neuroscience in the country.

The research interests at NBRC span from molecular to behavioural and computational neuroscience. The institute has state-of-the-art facilities such as DNA microarray, rodent and primate animal facility, imaging facility with a 3 Tesla MRI and EFG/ERP and promotes multidisciplinary and novel approaches to the understanding of the functioning of the human brain. The institute promotes translational research with a mission to ‘Discover rationale therapies and cures for brain disorders’. The institute has an excellent academic programme with rigorous course work for students pursuing Ph.D. and Integrated Ph.D. It admits students with Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree in wide ranging fields from biology to engineering.

The Director is expected to provide dynamic leadership in academic, scientific and administrative matters relating to its various areas of interest in both extramural and intramural activities. The applicant must have a holistic vision of neuroscience and be capable of providing leadership in the different areas that encompass neuroscience such as computational, cognitive, systems and molecular neuroscience.

The applicant should possess: (a) Post Graduate Degree in Modern Biology/Neuroscience; (b) Doctorate degree or equivalent in the relevant subject; (c) Outstanding scientific and academic credentials in the area of neuroscience as evidence through proven ability to carry out independent research and provide leadership for research in emerging areas of neuroscience; (d) Both medical and non-medical scientists are eligible. The eligible applicant must have at least 15 years of experience in neuroscience as demonstrated with high quality publications in the field and have track record of leadership and institute building. The position offers enormous opportunities to promote neuroscience both nationally and internationally.

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 pre-revised pay scale of Rs 25,000 (fixed) 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 NBRC 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, NBRC’, so as to reach by 22 December 2008.