



Government of India
Ministry of Science & Technology
Department of Biotechnology



**AWARD OF DBT-JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (DBT-JRF)
IN BIOTECHNOLOGY (2009–10)**
(Coordinated by University of Pune)

GENERAL

Applications are invited from Indian nationals for the award of 'DBT-Junior Research Fellowship' (DBT-JRF) for pursuing research in frontier areas of Biotechnology and Applied Biology. JRFs will be selected according to merit under two categories: Category A and B. Category A fellowships (Top 100 in number) are tenable in any University/Institute in India where the students can register for Ph.D. Category B fellowships (150 in number) are tenable exclusively at the 69 DBT-supported Teaching Centres/Departments running DBT-supported masters programme, and 8 DBT Institutes, where the students can register for Ph.D. For further details please visit <http://oasis.mkcl.org/bet/>

ELIGIBILITY

Those who have passed after 1 January 2008 or will appear (till August 2009) for Master's (M.Sc./M.Tech./M.V.Sc.) in Biotechnology (various branches, namely General, Agriculture, Medical, Marine, Industrial, Animal, Plant and Pharmaceutical Biotechnology and Bioprocess Technology), Bioinformatics, Molecular Human Genetics offered at BHU, Human Genomics offered at Panjab University, Neuroscience offered at Jiwaji University, NBRC and TIFR, and B.Tech. Biotechnology (4-year course) recognized by UGC/AICTE are eligible for this award. The applicants should be below the age of 28 years, and 33 years in case of reserved categories, and women candidates. Candidates with 60% (55% for reserved categories) of the total marks (equivalent in grade) are eligible.

DETAILS OF THE AWARD

The fellowship will be initially for a period of 3 years extendable for 2 more years based on performance. By the end of 2nd year the performance of JRF will be assessed and will be upgraded to SRF. The fellowship as JRF/SRF will be @ Rs 12,000–14,000 per month + HRA as per host Institute norms, and a research contingency of Rs 30,000 per year.

MODE OF SELECTION

The candidates will be selected based on a written admission test, 'Biotechnology Eligibility Test' (BET) to be conducted on **19 April 2009** at seven different centres, namely, Anna University (Chennai), Assam Agricultural University (Jorhat), Central University (Hyderabad), Chinmaya Vidyalaya (New Delhi), Sri Venkateswara College (New Delhi), University of Pune (Pune) and West Bengal University of Technology (Kolkata). Candidates, only belonging to SC/ST/PH categories, called for BET will be paid II class railway (non-AC)/bus fare by the shortest route from their home town, on production of supportive documents of competent authority. The examination centres are tentative and will be confirmed later.

MODE OF APPLICATION

Candidates should apply in the prescribed application form obtainable online at the URL <http://oasis.mkcl.org/bet/>. The last date for submission of online application form is **10 March 2009**. Stepwise procedure for filling the online application form and its submission is given in the above URL. The completed application form along with the required documents and application fee in the form of a DD of Rs 500 (Rs 250 for SC/ST/PH categories) in favour of **Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Ltd.**, payable at Pune, drawn on any nationalized bank, should reach the address mentioned in the URL, on or before **15 March 2009**. The application fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.

Registrar, University of Pune