

**Annexure 1**  
**Recruitment for posts on funded projects**

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Thiruvananthapuram is a premier autonomous Institution established by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, for promotion of high quality science education and research in the country.

The Institute invites applications for the following positions on contract basis:

No of posts available : 1

Name of Post	Senior Research Fellow
Name of Project	PlantSynBio : Plant Minichromosome Engineering
Funding agency	DBT-NSF
Minimum Educational qualification (as prescribed by the funding agency)	<p><b>Project 1 : SRF</b></p> <p>(i) Master's Degree in Natural or Agricultural Sciences / MVSc or bachelor's degree in Engineering or Technology or Medicine from a recognized University or equivalent; and</p> <p>(ii) Four years' experience in Research and Development in Industrial and Academic Institutions or Science and Technology Organisations and Scientific activities and services</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Doctoral Degree in Science / Engineering / Technology/ Pharma, MD/MS from a recognized University or Equivalent.</p>
Preference	<p>Candidate should be highly motivated to do basic research in biology.</p> <p>Academically excellent candidate with technical proficiency in cytology, sequence analysis and recombinant DNA(rDNA) technology especially in cloning, designing and making gene constructs, growing and managing plants. Prior research experience in the above skill areas are preferable. This may be considered as a criteria for shortlisting if many applications are received.</p>
Number of posts	1
Fellowship amount	Rs. 42,000 + HRA as applicable

Tenure of the post	1 year, extendable based on performance upto 3 years or till completion of the project whichever is earlier
Age	40
Last date	<b>20 Feb 2026</b>
How to apply	<p>Completed applications should be sent by email to Dr. Ravi Maruthachalam (<a href="mailto:ravi@iisertvm.ac.in">ravi@iisertvm.ac.in</a>), with the subject line “Application for DBT-NSF Senior Project Associate : Your Name”.</p> <p>A candidate can apply to multiple projects and this has to be indicated in the email. No separate application is required for different projects.</p> <p>The application should attach a detailed resume with sufficient information of past research work, a one page statement of interest in biological research. Please include contact details (phone number, email and postal address), a photograph, scanned copies of educational/professional qualifications and reprints of papers. Applications failing to meet minimum criteria will not be considered. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.</p>

The shortlisted candidates will be informed on details of interview date and time by email.

Applicants must bring all certificates (original + one copy) at the time of joining for the purpose of verification and a photocopy of the same will need to be submitted.

### **General Information**

1. Appointment is purely temporary and will terminate automatically without any notice or compensation on termination of the research project.
2. The appointed person shall have no claim of appointment/absorption in Funding Agency or in IISER Thiruvananthapuram.

3. Appointment of the applicant will be governed by the terms and conditions of the funding agency particularly applicable to the said project.
4. The qualification prescribed should have been obtained from recognized Universities/Institutions.
5. The prescribed educational qualifications are the bare minimum and mere possession of same does not entitle candidates to be called for interview. Where number of applications received in response to this advertisement is large, it will not be convenient or possible to interview all the candidates. Based on the recommendations of the Screening Committee, the Project Leader/ Principal Investigator may restrict the number of candidates to be called for the interview to a reasonable limit after taking into consideration qualifications and experience over and above the minimum prescribed in the advertisement. Therefore, it will be in the interest of the candidates, to mention all the qualifications and experience in the relevant field at the time of applying.
6. No TA/DA will be admissible, if appearing in person, for the interview.
7. Selected candidates will have to join duty immediately on receipt of the offer.
8. No interim enquiries/correspondence/communication of any sort will be entertained on the matter.