



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE EDUCATION AND
RESEARCH THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
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Recruitment for posts

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 the promotion of high-quality science education and research in the country.

The institute invites applications for the following positions on a contract basis:

Name of Post	Senior Research Fellow (SRF) under the DRDO-DYSL-SM/CARS Project
Name of Project	Development of Protective Fuel-proof coating on self-healing mechanism
Funding Agency	DRDO-DYSL-SM
Minimum Educational qualification	M.Sc. in Chemistry, preferably in Organic Chemistry or polymer chemistry specialisation, GATE/CSIR-JRF in Chemistry qualified candidates may be given the priority
Preference	Prior experience (minimum of 2 years) in organic synthesis and characterisation of organic molecules, polymer synthesis and functionalization.
Number of posts	One
Fellowship amount	Rs 42000/per month + 4,200 (10% HRA/pm)
Tenure of the post	One year, may be extended for one more year based on the candidate's performance.
Age	30 years. Age relaxation as per the GOI rules for candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC
Last date	May 12th, 2026
How to apply	Interested candidates are requested to write directly to Dr. Rajendra Kurapati, School of Chemistry, IISER Thiruvananthapuram via email: rkurapati@iisertvm.ac.in , with the subject line " <i>Application for SRF position on DRDO-funded project</i> " along with a detailed CV and Experience letter. The CV should include details of academic grades, including the year of passing, institute/University/College, etc., and prior research experience in organic/polymer synthesis should be kept in a separate file. The interested candidate should mention the name of one academic referee in the CV.

The shortlisted candidates will be informed by email of the interview date, time, and venue, and the details will also be posted on the website www.iisertvm.ac.in.

A printed copy of the application form sent by email, signed and dated by the applicant, along with a recent passport-size photograph and photocopies of relevant certificates and other testimonials in support of age, qualification, experience, etc., will be collected at the time of the interview.

Applicants must bring all certificates (original and one copy) to the interview for verification.

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 the 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 the same does not entitle candidates to be called for an interview. Where the 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 for appearing for the interview.
7. Selected candidates will have to join duty immediately on receipt of the offer.