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To
The Registrar
University of Madras
Chennai – 600005

Through
The Director
CAS in Botany
University of Madras
Chennai-25

Sir,

Sub: Request to upload Advertisement for **Project Associate - ANRF** sponsored
Project CAS in Botany - University Website - Reg.

Ref. File No. ANRF/ARG/2025/004325/LS dated 27th March 2026

I am pleased to inform you that I have been awarded a major research project entitled "**Evolutionary Genomics and Trait Adaptation of Diatom Communities Across Environmental Gradients in Fragmented Tropical Streams**" sponsored by ANRF-ARG under DST, Government of India, New Delhi. In this regard, I request you to kindly upload the Notification in our University website for wide publicity and benefit of the students.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

(S. Nagaraj)

Principal Investigator-ANRF Project

Encl:

1. Photo copy of Sanction Order
2. Advertisement Notification

Forwarded

07/04/26
Director & Head
Centre for Advanced Studies in Botany
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POSITION OF PROJECT ASSOCIATE

Applications are invited from the interested candidates for the post of Project Associate to work on the R&D project titled “**EVOLUTIONARY GENOMICS AND TRAIT ADAPTATION OF DIATOM COMMUNITIES ACROSS ENVIRONMENTAL GRADIENTS IN FRAGMENTED TROPICAL STREAMS**” awarded by ANRF-ARG, under DST, Govt. of India, New Delhi. The project has been undertaken in the Centre for Advanced Studies in Botany, University of Madras, Guindy Campus, Chennai – 600025, Tamil Nadu.

S. No.	Position	Area of Specialization	Maximum Duration	Details of the Fellowship	Number of Positions
1.	Project Associate	M.Sc., Botany/ Plant Biology and Biotechnology/ Applied Plant Science/Microbiology.	3 Years	i) Rs.37,000/- + 30% HRA to Scholars who are selected through (a) National Eligibility Test - CSIR-UGC NET including Lectureship (Assistant Professorship) or GATE or (b) A selection process through National Level Examinations conducted by Central Government Departments and their Agencies and Institutions (ii) Rs. 30,000 + HRA for others who do not fall under the above (i) category.	One (01)

Eligibility:

Educational Qualification:

M.Sc., in Botany / Plant Biology and Biotechnology/ Applied Plant Science/Microbiology with basic knowledge on Algology. Candidates must have at least 6.5/10 CGPA or 60 percent marks in aggregate from a recognized University or Institute as a Full-Time program. Proof of M.Sc., certificate has to be provided during the time of interview. **Desirable: CSIR-NET/GATE** qualified, *Expertise in isolation identification and taxonomy of microalgae along with Microscope techniques.*

Age limit: 35 years (Age relaxation is given for SC/ST/OBC/Women and Physically handicapped candidates as per Government of India norms)

Note:- The candidate selected for the position of Project Associate will have the option to register for PhD program at CAS in Botany, UNOM, Chennai.

Interested candidates must apply with the following documents: (1) Project Associate Application form (2) CV with passport-sized photograph, (3) Self attested photocopies of educational certificates and mark sheets from class XII onwards (4) CSIR-NET or GATE qualified certificate and (5) Photocopies of proof for research experience, special achievements and publications, if any. **The soft copies of all the above documents as single PDF with file name as “YOUR_NAME_PA.pdf” must be emailed to the Principal Investigator (Dr.S. Nagaraj) on or before 26th April, 2026 with subject “Application for Project Associate” and hard copies of all the documents should be send to the address for correspondence given below on or before 26th April, 2026** The email address for correspondence is given below. No TA/DA will be paid for attending the written test/interview. The appointment will be on a purely temporary basis co-terminus with the project. Candidates who are already employed should produce relieving certificate from their employers, if selected. **The shortlisted candidates with the date of interview will be intimated by email only.**

Address for Correspondence:

To

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NOTE: The envelope containing the application should be super scribed as “**Application for the position of Project Associate under ANRF-ARG project.**”

Application for the Position of Project Associate under ANRF-ARG
Project



1. Post Applied for: **PROJECT ASSOCIATE**
2. Name of the Candidate (BLOCKLETTER) :
3. Father's Name (BLOCKLETTER) :
4. Mother's Name (BLOCKLETTER) :
5. (a) Date of Birth: (DD/MM/YYYY) :
(b) Sex (Male/Female/Other) :
(c) Marital Status: Married/Single :
(d) Category: SC/ST/OBC/PWD/Open :
6. Previous Research experience: (use additional sheet if required)
7. Publication(s), if any: (use additional sheet if required)
8. GATE/ NET (if any): Qualified (Yes/No): Score: _____ Rank: _____
Specialization: _____ Year: _____

9. Academic Qualification: (Starting from Standard 10 or equivalent Examination)

Name of Exam Passed	Name of the School/College/Institute/ University	Year of Passing	Discipline/ Specialization	Percentage of Marks/ CGP

9. (a) Address for Communication :
(BLOCK LETTER)

(b) Contact No (Mob) :

(c) E-mail ID :

11. Contact Details of two referees:

	Referee I	Referee I
Name		
Designation		
Organization		
Office Address		
Phone Number		
Email ID		

12. Experience if any (in years and use additional sheet if required):

13. **Declaration:**

I do here by declare that the information furnished in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. If selected, I promise to abide by the rules and regulations of the Institute.

Date:

Place:

Signature

Note- If any information is required, extra A4 sheet may be attached.