

Advertisement for Temporary Engagement of Project Associate (PA-I)

Applications are invited for temporary engagement of **Project Associate (PA)** under the Advanced Research Grant (ARG) program funded by Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), Government of India under the supervision of Dr. Khirod Kumar Sahoo, Principal Investigator. The position is purely temporary in nature and co-terminus with the project. The period of engagement may be initially for 01 year and renewed up to 03 years based on the satisfactory performance. This is a collaborative project with ICAR-NRRI, Cuttack under ARG. The required essential qualification and experience for the position, have been mentioned below.

Project No.	ANRF/ARG/2025/008599/LS
Project Title:	Identification of the genomic region and establishment of the physiological role of tissue tolerance during reproductive stage salt stress in rice: Taking cues from nature.
Position	Project Associate (PA-I)
Fellowship Amount:	i) Rs. 37000/- & 20 % HRA per month for CSIR -UGC NET / GATE qualified students. ii) Rs. 30000/- & 20 % HRA per month who have qualified any other national-level exams conducted by Central Government Department, agencies and institutions . As per approved ANRF-SERB norms.
Total Project tenure:	Three Years (initial engagement for 1 year, which can be extended annually till the end of the project, subject to satisfactory performance and availability of funds).
Essential Qualification:	a) Master's degree in Botany or Biotechnology or Life Sciences or Plant Science or Agriculture Science from the recognized Board/ University/ Institution and must have a minimum of 60% marks or 6.0 CPI (on a 10.0 point scale) at the master's degree level. b) Candidates must have qualified in CSIR -UGC NET / GATE or any other national-level exams conducted by Central Government Department, agencies and institutions.
Preference	Candidates having experience in extraction of metabolites from plant sample, Metabolomics study, Plant Molecular Biology techniques may be given preference.
Age limit:	28 years as on the last date of Application. Age relaxation may be given for SC/ST/OBC candidates as per ANRF-SERB, Government of India norms.
Last date of application:	28-07-2026
Date and time of interview:	Only the shortlisted candidates will be intimated the exact Date and time of interview by email.
Venue of interview:	Department of Botany, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack

Note: 1. The candidate must email their **a)** latest CV including contact phone number, WhatsApp no. and names of two referees in the given format, and **b)** Statement of interest to the PI (khirodsahoo@ravenshawuniversity.ac.in) on or before **28th July, 2026**. The shortlisted candidates are also required to bring hard copies of their application along with self-attested photocopies of their mark sheets/certificates along with original copies all the certificates, during the time of interview.

2. The selected candidate may be allowed to enrol for Ph.D. program later subject to satisfactory work progress and essential qualification of NET, as per Vacancy of PI, university and UGC rules.

3. No application will be considered after due date. No TA/DA will be paid to the candidates for attending the interview. Interview will be conducted only on physical mode.

Khirod Kumar Sahoo,

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APPLICATION FORMAT FOR PROJECT ASSOCIATE (PA-I)

1. Full name of Applicant in block letters (surname is to be underlined):
2. Father's Name:
3. Date of birth in DD-MM-YYYY format; and age:
4. Gender (M/F):
5. Marital Status:
6. Category:
7. Physically handicapped: Y/N
8. Nationality:
9. Religion:
10. Permanent address:
11. Address for correspondence including contact no./ WhatsApp no. and email ID:
12. Academic Record:
 - a. GATE/CSIR/UGC National Eligibility Test Qualification details with Percent marks/ rank, year of qualification etc.
 - b. Qualifications/ Degrees (from 10th onwards in chronological order):

Examination passed	Name of School/ College/ Institute, with city and state	Name of Board/ University	Year of passing	Subjects/ Specialization	Percentage of marks/ GPA obtained	Distinction/ Division/Gold medal

- c. Details of the projects carried-out with duration, place of work, area of work etc. (in chronological order)

Project(s) title	Duration	Place/Institute where project was carried out	Area/ Specialization	Mentor/ Supervisor's name	Applicant's contribution to the project	Publications pertaining to the project

- d. Title of M.Sc. Dissertation project and the brief summary (in 200 words):
 - e. List of publications (National and International Journal separately):
 - f. Working experience (if any, after acquiring essential qualifications):
 - g. Whether currently employed: Y/N; If YES, name of the institute, project/work details, mentor's name and designation:
 - h. Time required to join this position (if selected):
 13. Names and addresses of two referees along with phone number and/or email address:

Declaration

I hereby declare that I have carefully read and understood the instructions and particulars on this application and that all entries in this form as well as in the attached sheets are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Name & Signature of the Candidate)