



Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani

Hyderabad Campus

Department of Biological Sciences

CALL FOR JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW CONVERTIBLE TO A Ph.d. POSITION IN ANRF-FUNDED PROJECT

Date: 10.02.2026

NOTE: PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE APPLYING

Applications are invited from suitable candidates for the position of one Junior Research Fellow (JRF) in ANRF-funded project, as given below:

Title of the project	To establish bacterial engineered RNase P (M1GS) ribozyme as a novel RNA-cleaving/reverse genetic tool in plants and to evaluate the effects of histone deacetylase downregulation for abiotic stress tolerance in rice.
Funding agency	ANRF, Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India
No. of JRF positions	One (1)
Emoluments	Rs. 37,000+HRA, as applicable
Duration of the project	3 years
Under the supervision of	PI: Dr. Gireesha Mohannath, Associate Professor and Ex-SERB-Ramanujan Fellow (Phone No: 040-66303697)
Deadline for application	February 25, 2026

Selected candidates are expected to register for Ph.D. program of Department of Biological Sciences, BITS-Pilani Hyderabad campus, subject to the fulfillment of the requirements.

Upon admission to the Ph.D. program, funding for additional 2 years (total of 5 years) shall be provided by the Institute, as per the institute norms, subject to satisfactory performance.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- M.Sc/M.Tech/M.E degree in Biotechnology or Molecular Biology.
- Candidates having NET qualifications (CSIR-NET category I/II/III or eligible for DST INSPIRE) will have an additional advantage.
- Previous lab experience in Plant Molecular Biology (wet lab)/rice research/Bioinformatic analysis of sequencing data (like NGS) is highly desirable.

Interested candidates with the above-mentioned qualifications may send the **CV in the given format** (see below) on or before **February 25, 2026**, to the email: gireesha@hyderabad.bits-pilani.ac.in

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be called for interview (online or in-person). If you prefer to attend in-person, prior notice will be given but no TA/DA will be given.



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FORMAT FOR CV

1. Name:
2. DOB:
3. Contact Details
 - i. Mobile No:
 - ii. Email ID:
4. Education:
 - i. Bachelors' Degree (name, overall grade and institution name):
 - ii. Masters' Degree (name, overall grade and institution name):
 - iii. Any other Degree (name, overall grade and institution name):
5. Details of qualifying exam, CSIR-UGC (Category I/II/III):
(Please mention the score, year of qualifying and category)
6. Research Publications, if any:
7. Presentations in Conference proceedings, if any:
(Do not mention if you have only attended the conference)
8. Previous relevant work experience, if any:
9. Comment on your communication (verbal and written) skills:
10. Technical expertise:
(List only those Molecular Biology techniques you are practically familiar with)
11. List of three references. Please mention the name and contact details of three faculty/ your employer/ teacher who can endorse your candidature. (Recommendation letters not required).
12. A brief statement of interest: Mention why you are interested in pursuing Ph.D. (~200 words)
13. Any other relevant information:

