Department of Botany Visva-Bharati

Applications are invited in a plain paper for one post of Project Assistant in the ANRF-funded project entitled "Molecular characterization of Sorghum-aerial-endosphere microbiome for drought resilience and their potential use in biopriming for drought-prone agricultural sustainability" under Dr. Subhrangshu Mandal, Department of Botany, Visva-Bharati.

Essential Qualification: Bachelor's degree in Science/3-year Diploma in Engineering & Technology.

Desirable Qualification: B.Sc. in Botany from a recognized university. An understanding of microbial ecology, plant-microbe interaction, and molecular microbiology is desirable. Basic experience in handling Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS) data and a fundamental understanding of metagenomics approaches and data interpretation. Good practices in record-keeping, data entry, and field documentation. Experience in Linux operating systems/R statistical packages is an advantage, but not required.

Monthly Emoluments: Rs. 27000/-per month (HRA Allowances as per ANRF and Visva-Bharati rules). **Age limit:** The Upper age limit is 50 years as per ANRF/OM/N-01/2024 dated 14th October 2024.

The project is tenable up to **08th July 2028**, depending on the progress of the project. Other terms and conditions will be governed by ANRF and Visva-Bharati rules.

How to Apply: Applications with full address, contact details (email, mobile number/WhatsApp number), and bio-data along with self-attested copies of all testimonials (either soft or hard copy) should reach Dr. Subhrangshu Mandal, Department of Botany, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan-731235; email: subhrangshu.mandal@visva-bharati.ac.in (alternative Email: s.mandalbolpur@gmail.com), mobile: 7001029868 within 15 days of the advertisement.

Shortlisted candidates will be informed via email and called for an interview. No TA/DA will be provided for attending the interview.

Note: The position is purely temporary and co-terminus with the project. The decision of the selection committee will be final.

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