



Junior Research Fellow (JRF)/Project Assistant position in a DST-SERB neuroethology project in Biology at Ashoka University

Applications are invited for one post of a project Junior Research Fellow (JRF)/Project Assistant (PA) in a Department of Science and Technology (DST-SERB) funded project No. CRG/2019/006958 titled “The Neural Basis of Communication”, for 6 months with a possibility of extension by another 6 months, at the lab of Dr. Bittu Kaveri Rajaraman. <https://www.ashoka.edu.in/profile/bittu-kaveri-rajaraman/>

Essential qualification: Candidates with a Bachelors or B.Tech. degree with a minimum of 55% marks, with **hands-on electrophysiology research experience**.

Any training in electronics and electrical engineering is welcome, as is any mechanical engineering experience and the ability to build novel experimental set-ups involving electronics, sensors. Likewise, any experience in regular field work assistance, animal maintenance; and skills in driving, coding, wood/ glass/ metal 3D fabrication and modeling are additional advantages.

Most important is an interest and enthusiasm for science, inquisitiveness, critical thinking, a good work ethic, the ability to work with a team, and good communication.

Additional qualifications for JRF are: Post-graduate or graduate degree with NET/GATE qualification.

Salary: Fellowship amount is as per DST norms, Government of India guidelines. (Candidates without NET/GATE qualification may be considered for project assistant or fieldworker post with reduced salary as per SERB rules).

Duration: One years (initial appointment will be for 6 months, which is extendable to up to a full year based on satisfactory performance and mutual interest). The post is purely temporary and co-terminus with the project.

How to apply: Interested candidates may submit their detailed CV with relevant lab experience information and contact details (email and phone number) of two referees, with the subject line ‘JRF/PA position in DST project’ to the PI: Dr. Bittu Kaveri Rajaraman, Associate Professor, Biology and Psychology, Ashoka University via e-mail to bittu@ashoka.edu.in.

An initial screening to shortlist suitable candidates will be followed by an interview at the Ashoka University by a panel of scientists. The first round of interviews of short-listed candidates will be conducted on the 5th of March 2022, but you can continue to send in CVs after that.

Note: Mere fulfilment of qualifications/experience requirements does not entitle a candidate to be called for the interview. Only shortlisted candidates will be called for an interview and will be informed by email.