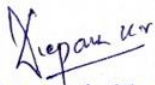


**Department of Botany
Institute of Science****Date: 15.09.2026****Advertisement for the position of Project Associate - I (PA-I)
in an ANRF-funded Project**

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for one (01) position of **Project Associate-I** in an **Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)**, Government of India, funded project, under the supervision of **Dr. Deepak Kumar**, Associate Professor, Department of Botany, Institute of Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.

Project Title	<i>Investigating the potential of Prion-Like LEUNIG Proteins in augmenting Thermosensory Responses in Indian Mustard.</i>
Project Description	The project focuses on elucidating the functional role of prion-like LEUNIG proteins in thermosensory responses of Indian mustard using genomics and transcriptomics approaches, with emphasis on their role in temperature perception, protein interactions, and high-temperature adaptation.
Funding Body	Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), Government of India, (File No.: ANRF/IRG/2025/001684/LS; BHU Project Code: P-07/1375)
Host Laboratory	Plant Engineering and Stress Adaptomics (PESA) Lab, Department of Botany, Institute of Science, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi – 221005, U.P, India
Name of Position	Project Associate-I (PA-I)
Job Role	The PA-I will assist in experimental design, routine laboratory work, molecular biology experiments, plant transformation, data analysis, and maintenance of laboratory records.
Project Duration	Three (03) years
Fellowship	Rs. 37,000/- per month + 20% HRA
Age Limit	As per funding agency guidelines.
Essential Qualifications	Applicants must have JRF, NET or GATE qualification and hold an M.Sc. degree in Botany / Biotechnology / Biochemistry / Microbiology / Environmental Science / Plant Science / Life Science / Biosciences with at least 55% or equivalent marks. <i>Desirable Skills: Candidates with prior experience in molecular biology, plant tissue culture, plant transformation, bioinformatics or related laboratory techniques will be preferred.</i>
Last Date of Application	5th October 2026 (till 11:59 PM)


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Procedure to Apply for the PA-I Position

1. Interested candidates are requested to submit their applications **online** through the application portal.

[Click here](#) to apply or visit www.plantadaptomicslab.com



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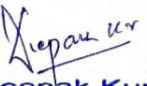
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2. The following documents need to be uploaded for online application:
 - i. Self-Attested copies of all relevant educational, JRF/NET/GATE and experience certificates (if any).
 - ii. Recent passport-size photograph and scanned signature.
3. **The application is liable to be rejected if any of the above documents are missing.**

For more information you can contact by email at pesa.lab.bhu@gmail.com or deepakkumar@bhu.ac.in.

Note:

1. Mere possession of the prescribed qualification does not ensure that the candidate will be called for an interview. Candidates will be shortlisted based on merit and the needs of the project.
2. Shortlisted candidates will be informed about the interview schedule by e-mail. Candidates must therefore provide a valid e-mail address and a mobile number in their applications.
3. Shortlisted candidates must appear in person (offline) for the interview on the scheduled date with an updated CV along with original and self-attested photocopies of mark sheets/certificates in support of their academic qualifications. *Online mode of interview may also be considered on proper justification.*
4. The applicant will be solely responsible for the authenticity of the information, documents, and photographs submitted.
5. The University reserves the right to accept or reject any application at any time during the entire tenure of the project.
6. **No TA/DA will be paid for appearing in the interview.**
7. The association between the PI and the selected candidate may be discontinued at any time by giving one month's notice in writing, either by the PI to the candidate or by the candidate to the PI.
8. The appointment will be purely temporary and on a contract basis. The initial appointment will be for one year and may be extended up to the duration of the project (maximum up to three years), subject to satisfactory performance.


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