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PhD-I-2025 Admissions

The Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD), Hyderabad, is a research Institution under the Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council (BRIC), Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India. BRIC – CDFD is a premier institute in the country, which provides services in the areas of DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics and performs cutting edge research in several frontier areas of modern biology.

Our current research themes include:

Cell & Molecular Biology, Computational Biology, Disease Biology, Genetics, Molecular Microbiology and Immunology (please see our website www.cdfd.org.in for details)

We invite applications from highly motivated candidates for admission to our PhD admissions, beginning February / March 2025. Keeping in view the interdisciplinary nature of modern biology, we especially encourage persons from diverse backgrounds to apply. Those admitted as Ph.D. Scholars would be encouraged to register under the PhD program of Regional Centre for Biotechnology. The selection for PhD-I-2025 shall be based on interview conducted through online & in person mode, as detailed below:

Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible for Admission to the CDFD PhD-I-2025, the candidate must have:

1. A Master's degree in any branch of Science, Technology, or Agriculture OR MBBS from a recognized University / Institute.
2. Qualified for a Junior Research Fellowship from CSIR / UGC / DBT / ICMR / INSPIRE / UGC – RGNF or any other similar examination with fellowship.

*Candidates having qualified for Project – JRF under the ICMR funded project Scheme [which is only for a period of two years] OR DBT JRF NET with a B.Tech. [Biotechnology] degree OR DBT JRF NET under DBT – B category list OR LS-NET qualification only in CSIR-UGC (NET) examination are **NOT** eligible to apply.*

3. A valid fellowship is an ABSOLUTE requirement for pursuing PhD at CDFD. However,
 - a) If a candidate's fellowship result is **AWAITED**, the candidate must **UPDATE** the fellowship status positively before the interview, via email to rsp@cdfd.org.in.

- b) Though a candidate is allowed to submit application without having qualified valid fellowship, only those candidates who submit proof of having a valid fellowship will be eligible for interview

Selection Procedure:

Admission to PhD-I.-2025 at CDFD will be based on a two – step selection process:

I Round : **interview for the first round via video conference;** scheduled to be held in the third week of December 2024 (the exact dates will be informed along with the list of candidates shortlisted for the interview) and

II Round : **interview for the second round “in person” at CDFD during late January, 2025. (the exact dates will be informed along with the list of candidates shortlisted for the interview)**

The list of candidates shortlisted for:

- 1) first round of interviews will be displayed on the website in last week of November, 2024.**
- 2) Second round of interviews will be displayed on the website in third week of December, 2024.**

Subsequent to the second round of interviews, applicants will be encouraged to contact CDFD faculty either in person OR through email / phone to familiarize themselves with the research interests of the various faculty.

Application Procedure:

Interested candidates who fulfill the above conditions may register their names for **PhD. – I – 2025 admissions** by applying in the prescribed application form **online**. The link for the application form is available at <http://14.139.82.220/apps/2024/PhD-I-2025/>. It is mandatory to upload soft copies of certificates in support of date of birth, educational qualifications, reservation category (if applicable), and fellowship examination qualified. Please contact <rsp@cdfd.org.in> for any queries.

The Online application facility will be closed on **10.11.2024**.

Note:

- CDFD’s Research Scholars Program is a fully residential program. The selected candidates will have to stay on campus.
- Mere fulfilment of the minimum requirements stipulated in the notification would not automatically entitle a candidate for selection. The decision of CDFD in this regard shall be final. Candidates engaging in canvassing in any form and/or bringing in any influence, political or otherwise, will be treated as a disqualification.
- The fellowship **MUST** be valid at the time of joining (February / March 2025).

Important dates:

Last date for submitting online application	–	November 10, 2024
Display of shortlist for first round interview	–	last week of November, 2024
Date(s) for first round of Interview	–	third week of December, 2024 [Date(s) to be announced later]
Display of shortlist for second round interview–		third week of December, 2024
Date(s) for second round of Interview	–	late January, 2025 [Date(s) to be announced later]

Please check the CDFD website (<http://www.cdfd.org.in>) regularly for updates.