

Applications are invited from Indian nationals for the position of “**JRF**” in a DST-RFBR sponsored project entitled “**Unravelling higher-level phylogenetic relationships of skipper butterflies (Lepidoptera: Hesperidae), times of divergences and evolution of hostplant associations**”.

No. of positions: 1

Qualifications: For **JRF**- Master’s degree in any area of Biological Sciences with minimum of 55% marks, qualified NET-JRF/LS or GATE (valid qualified score).

Experience: The project involves large-scale DNA sequencing of selected genes from the family Hesperidae to reconstruct the global phylogeny of the group and investigation of patterns of diversification. Experience in ecological or evolutionary research, phylogenetic analyses and an aptitude for fieldwork will be a plus. Familiarity with DNA extraction, PCRs and other molecular techniques is a must.

Age limit: 28yrs. A relaxation of 3-5 yrs will be applicable to SC/ST/OBC, women and physically handicapped candidates.

Fellowship: **JRF-NET:** monthly 16000/- + HRA

Duration: 20 months

How to apply: The application should follow the format provided in the IISER-TVM web site (<http://www.iisertvm.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/mdstaf.docx>). Research experience should be supported by a certificate from the previous employer. Candidates should bring originals of the certificate for the qualifying degrees, age and National Examinations as well as the category certificate if applicable during the interview. No TA/DA will be paid for appearing for the interview. Applications failing to meet minimum criteria will not be considered. Completed applications should reach Ullasa Kodandaramaiah by email (ullasa@iisertvm.ac.in) on or before **22 Jan 2014**.

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***Note:** Mere fulfillment of qualifications/experience requirements does not entitle a candidate to be called for interview. Only shortlisted candidates will be called for interview. Selected candidates will be intimated by email. No correspondence whatsoever will be entertained from candidates for not being called for interview, conduct and results of the interview.*