



**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Science & Technology,**  
**Department of Biotechnology**  
**AWARD OF DBT-JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (DBT-JRF)**  
**IN BIOTECHNOLOGY (2015-16)**  
**Biotechnology Eligibility Test-2015 (BET-2015)**  
**(Co-ordinated by National Centre for Cell Science, Pune)**

**NCCS**

**GENERAL**

Applications are invited from Indian nationals for the award of “DBT-Junior Research Fellowship” (DBT-JRF) for pursuing research in frontier areas of Biotechnology and Applied Biology. JRFs will be selected according to merit under two categories: Category I & II. Category I fellowship (Top 275 in number) are tenable in any University/Institute in India where the students can register for Ph.D. Category II students (100 in number) will be eligible to join any DBT sponsored Project and avail fellowship equivalent to NET/GATE qualifications as per DST Guidelines, subject to selection through institutional selection process. Fellowship will be co-terminus with the duration of project and institutional rules will be applicable. There will be no binding on PIs of DBT sponsored projects to select JRF/SRF for their projects from category II list. Selection in Category II will not entitle student for any fellowship from DBT-JRF programme. For further details please visit <https://nccs.digialm.com>. Students can also visit NCCS website for details: [www.nccs.res.in/dbtjrf.html](http://www.nccs.res.in/dbtjrf.html)

**ELIGIBILITY**

Candidates can appear for BET examination only thrice during their career within the prescribed age limit. Candidates who have completed eligibility qualification in a year will be eligible to appear in that year and two subsequent years. Students who have passed after Jan.1, 2013 or will appear this year (till August, 2015) final examination of qualifying degree is eligible. Students with M.Sc. / M.Tech / M.V.Sc. degree with Biotechnology in title of degree e.g. Biotechnology, specialization such as Agricultural, Animal / Veterinary, Medical, Marine, Industrial, Environmental, Pharmaceutical, Food, Bio-resources Biotechnology, “Biochemical Engineering, Bio-sciences and Biotechnology, Bioinformatics” and M.Sc. “Molecular & Human Genetics” and M.Sc. “Neuroscience” as well as B.Tech / B.E. in Biotechnology (4-year course after 10+2) recognized by UGC/AICTE are eligible for this examination. The applicants should be below the age of 28 years for Open category as on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Candidates with minimum 60% for general and OBC category (55% for SC/ST/PH) of the total marks (equivalent grade) are only eligible. For further details and to apply online please visit the URL <https://nccs.digialm.com>. Online registration will start on **25<sup>th</sup> February 2015** and the last date for submission of online application form is **25<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**.

DBT-BET (category I) entitles a candidate for fellowship subject to Ph.D registration of the candidate in a recognized university or Institute in the country within 2 years. At present, very few institutes or universities allow B.Tech students to register for Ph.D. directly. Registration for Ph.D is candidate’s responsibility and NCCS or DBT have no role in this.

**RESERVATIONS:-**

Government of India guidelines for reservations will be followed for BET-2015. Age relaxation of 5 years (up to 33 years) for SC /ST/PH and women candidates and 3 years (31 years) for OBC candidates will be given. The age limit will be as on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2015. SC/ST/PH candidates with 55% of the total marks (equivalent in grade) are eligible to apply.

**DETAILS OF THE AWARD**

The fellowship will be initially for a period of 3 years extendable for 2 more years based on performance. By the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> year, the performance of JRF will be assessed and will be upgraded to SRF. The fellowship for JRF/SRF will be @ Rs. 25,000/- or 28,000/- per month + HRA as per DST guidelines and research contingency of Rs. 30,000/- per year.

**MODE OF SELECTION**

The candidates will be selected based on an online admission test, “Biotechnology Eligibility Test” (BET) to be conducted on **26<sup>th</sup> April, 2015** at **2.30 PM** in the following twelve cities:

New Delhi, Kolkata, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Chennai, Pune, Bangalore, Chandigarh, Lucknow, Patna, Trivandrum & Ahmedabad.

**MODE OF APPLICATION**

Candidates should register and apply online in the prescribed application form available at the URL <https://nccs.digialm.com> starting on **25<sup>th</sup> February 2015**. All the details about the application process and the examination are available on the web site. The last date for submission of online application form is **25<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**. Stepwise procedure for filling the online application form, payment of application fees and uploading of required documents/certificates is given in the above said URL. **General/OBC candidates have to pay an application fee of Rs. 500/- and SC/ST/PH categories are exempted from payment of application fees. The application fees is payable either online or offline as detailed on the web site for completion of application process. The application fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. No TA will be provided to any candidate for attending the examination.**

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