

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR CELL SCIENCE, PUNE

(An autonomous Institution of the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India)
NCCS Complex, Savitribai Phule Pune University Campus, Ganeshkhind, Pune - 411007,
Maharashtra, India

Advt. No. NCCS/Project Management Cell/P05/2025

INTERVIEWS FOR DIFFERENT PROJECT POSITIONS ON EXTRAMURAL PROJECTS

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

The candidates fulfilling the requirements as per the essential qualifications and appearing for the Walk-In-Interview must report at 09.30 am sharp on the interview day at the address given below. They should register their names in the register, kept at the Security Gate. **CANDIDATES REPORTING AFTER 09.30 AM MAY NOT BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND THE INTERVIEW, WHICH MAY PLEASE BE NOTED.**

Address: National Centre for Cell Science, NCCS Complex,
Savitribai Phule Pune University Campus,
Ganeshkhind Road Pune - 411007,
Maharashtra State, India.

WALK IN INTERVIEW DATE:

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ONLINE INTERVIEW DATE:

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The National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS) is an autonomous institution of Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India, for a mandate of basic research, teaching & training, and as a national repository for cell lines/hybridomas etc. The Centre is located in the midst of academically enriched environment of Savitribai Phule Pune University Campus, Pune. NCCS invites applications for following posts on various extramural projects purely on temporary basis.

Sr. No.:	01
Name of the Post:	Project Associate – I
Number of posts:	01 (One)
Name of the Project:	VAPB at membrane contact sites: ALS-FTD at the crossroads of ER stress, proteostasis, lipid homeostasis and inflammation.
Name of the PI:	Dr. Jomon Joseph
Essential Qualification & Experience:	Master's Degree in Natural or Agricultural Sciences / MVSc or bachelor's degree in Engineering or Technology or Medicine from a recognized University or equivalent.
Desirable Experience:	A minimum of one year research experience using model organisms/systems, molecular biology, cell biology and/or experience working with Drosophila, including genetic and behavioural experiments.
Project Tenure:	Up to 28/02/2029
Total Monthly Emoluments:	i) Rs. 31000/- + HRA to Scholars who are selected through (a) National Eligibility Tests – CSIR-UGC NET including lectureship (Assistant Professorship) or GATE or (b) A selection process through National level examinations conducted by Central Government Departments and their Agencies and Institutions. ii) Rs. 25000/- + HRA for others who do not fall under (i) above.
Age limit:	Not more than 35 years as on 03.11.2025.

Sr. No.:	02
Name of the Post:	Project Associate - I
Number of posts:	01 (One)
Name of the Project:	VAPB at membrane contact sites: ALS-FTD at the crossroads of ER stress, proteostasis, lipid homeostasis and inflammation.
Name of the PI:	Dr. Gaurav Das
Essential Qualification & Experience:	Master's Degree in Natural or Agricultural Sciences / MVSc or bachelor's degree in Engineering or Technology or Medicine from a recognized University or equivalent.
Desirable Experience:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Minimum 6 months experience working with flies or other animal model. ii. Interest or experience in a neuroscience lab.
Project Tenure:	Up to 28/02/2029
Total Monthly Emoluments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Rs. 31000/- + HRA to Scholars who are selected through <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) National Eligibility Tests – CSIR-UGC NET including lectureship (Assistant Professorship) or GATE or (b) A selection process through National level examinations conducted by Central Government Departments and their Agencies and Institutions. ii. Rs. 25000/- + HRA for others who do not fall under (i) above.
Age limit:	Not more than 35 years as on 03.11.2025.

Sr. No.:	03
Name of the Post:	Project Associate - I
Number of posts:	01 (One)
Name of the Project:	Identifying the neuro-immune pathways that modulate feeding behavior and metabolism in Drosophila.
Name of the PI:	Dr. Gaurav Das
Essential Qualification & Experience:	Master's Degree in Natural or Agricultural Sciences/ MVSc or bachelor's degree in Engineering or Technology or Medicine from a recognized University or equivalent.
Desirable Experience:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Experience in handling Drosophila or other animal models for at least 6 months or more. ii. Basic knowledge of genetics and interest in Neuroscience.
Project Tenure:	Up to 26/09/2027
Total Monthly Emoluments:	Rs. 25000/- + HRA
Age limit:	Not more than 35 years as on 03.11.2025.

Sr. No.:	04
Name of the Post:	Lab Assistant
Number of posts:	6 (Six)
Name of the Project:	Bioengineering Research Centre at NCCS
Name of the PI:	Dr. Sharmila Bapat
Essential Qualification & Experience:	B.Sc. / 3 years Diploma in Engineering & Technology.
Desirable Experience:	Desirable candidates should have hands-on skills in culture handling, molecular techniques, and basic analytical assays. Eager to learn genomics, strain characterization, and laboratory data documentation, demonstrating good teamwork and attention to detail.
Project Tenure:	Up to 12.06.2027
Total Monthly Emoluments:	Rs. 20000/- + HRA
Age limit:	Not more than 50 years as on 03.11.2025.

Sr. No.:	05
Name of the Post:	Senior Project Associate (SPA)
Number of posts:	03 (Three)
Name of the Project:	Bioengineering Research Centre at NCCS
Name of the PI:	Dr. Sharmila Bapat
Essential Qualification & Experience:	<p>i) Master's Degree in Natural or Agricultural Sciences / MVSc or Bachelor's Degree in Engineering or Technology or Medicine from a recognized University or equivalent; AND</p> <p>ii) Four years' experience in Research and Development in Industrial and Academic Institutions or Science and Technology Organisations and Scientific activities and services</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Doctoral Degree in Science / Engineering / Technology / Pharma/ MD / MS from a recognized University or equivalent.</p>
Desirable Experience:	<p>Position 1: Basic experience in microbial cloning, plasmid handling, and gene expression studies. Should be able to perform routine checks using HPLC/GC-MS outputs.</p> <p>Position 2: Hands-on exposure to microbial cultivation, media preparation, and small-scale fermentation.</p> <p>Position 3: Familiarity with genome/transcriptome data handling and use of basic bioinformatics tools. Should be able to assist in data curation, sequence analysis, and database entry tasks.</p>
Project Tenure:	Up to 12.06.2027
Total Monthly Emoluments:	Rs. 42000/- + HRA
Age limit:	Not more than 40 years as on 03.11.2025.

Sr. No.:	06
Name of the Post:	Project Manager
Number of posts:	01 (One)
Name of the Project:	Bioengineering Research Centre at NCCS
Name of the PI:	Dr. Sharmila Bapat
Essential Qualification & Experience:	Doctoral Degree in Science or Master's Degree in Engineering or Technology from a recognized University or equivalent with 20 years of experience relevant field.
Desirable Experience:	Strong foundation in synthetic biology and microbial engineering with hands-on experience in genome editing tools (e.g., CRISPR-Cas systems), construction of genetic circuits, and development of microbial chassis for targeted industrial applications. Expertise in genetic engineering, metabolic pathway reconstruction, and molecular cloning, with exposure to transformation systems, promoter optimization, and vector design for functional expression in diverse hosts.
Project Tenure:	Up to 12.06.2027
Total Monthly Emoluments:	Consolidated Rs. 1,50,000/- pm.
Age limit:	45 to 50 years as on 03.11.2025.

Sr. No.:	07
Name of the Post:	Project Manager
Number of posts:	01 (One)
Name of the Project:	Bioengineering Research Centre at NCCS
Name of the PI:	Dr. Sharmila Bapat
Essential Qualification & Experience:	Doctoral Degree in Science or Master's Degree in Engineering or Technology from a recognized University or equivalent with 20 years of experience in relevant field.
Desirable Experience:	Desirable candidates should have hands-on experience in molecular biology techniques, metabolic engineering, and analytical validation for bioprocess optimization using model and non-model microorganisms. Should be familiar with systems biology approaches, omics data integration, and computational tools for pathway reconstruction and strain improvement.
Project Tenure:	Up to 12.06.2027
Total Monthly Emoluments:	Consolidated Rs. 1,25,000/- pm.
Age limit:	45 to 50 years as on 03.11.2025.

Sr. No.:	08
Name of the Post:	Project Scientist-III
Number of posts:	03 (Three)
Name of the Project:	Bioengineering Research Centre at NCCS
Name of the PI:	Dr. Sharmila Bapat
Essential Qualification & Experience:	<p>i) Doctoral Degree in Science or Master's Degree in Engineering or Technology from a recognized University or equivalent; and</p> <p>ii) Seven years' experience in Research and Development in Industrial and Academic Institutions or Science and Technology Organizations and Scientific activities and services.</p>
Desirable Experience:	<p>Position 1: Experience in microbial genome editing and pathway engineering to construct optimized chassis strains. Capable of designing and validating synthetic circuits with direct metabolite confirmation using analytical tools.</p> <p>Position 2: Proven skills in fermentation design, scale-up strategies, and real-time process optimization in bioreactors. Hands-on ability to maximize enzyme yields through controlled cultivation and statistical design approaches. Experience in handling HPLC and GC-MS is plus.</p> <p>Position 3: Proficiency in developing and curating genomic/ transcriptomic databases to map enzyme functions and pathways. Ability to integrate multi-omics datasets with predictive models for strain selection and future improvements.</p>
Project Tenure:	Up to 12.06.2027
Total Monthly Emoluments:	Rs. 78000/- + HRA
Age limit:	Not more than 45 years as on 03.11.2025

Sr. No.:	09
Name of the Post:	Project Scientist - I
Number of posts:	01 (One)
Name of the Project:	Bioengineering Research Centre at NCCS
Name of the PI:	Dr. Sharmila Bapat
Essential Qualification & Experience:	Doctoral Degree in Science or Master's Degree in Engineering or Technology from a recognized University or equivalent.
Desirable Experience:	Experience in microbial genomics and transcriptomics data analysis with proficiency in NGS data processing, genome assembly, annotation, and differential gene expression workflows. Strong expertise in R/Python-based bioinformatics, database management systems (SQL/MySQL), and integration of microbial phenotypic and genetic data. Demonstrated experience in publishing computational pipelines, and ability to collaborate with experimental teams for systems-level biological insights.
Project Tenure:	Up to 12.06.2027
Total Monthly Emoluments:	Rs. 56000/- + HRA
Age limit:	Not more than 35 years as on 03.11.2025

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

WALK IN INTERVIEW DATE:

Walk-in interviews are scheduled to be held from 9.30 am to 06.00 pm on 10th and 11th November 2025 as per the schedule below.

Table 1: Schedule for Interviews

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Please note that no new candidate applications will be accepted or considered for evaluation for interviews on 12th and 14th November 2025. These dates are reserved strictly as backup days in case of any spill over from the main interview days.

Important:

1. NCCS will not be providing any accommodation. Candidates are advised to make their own travel and lodging arrangements in advance.
2. Under no circumstances will the requests for online interviews be considered in place of Walk-in interviews.

Kindly bring the Application form duly filled in along with hard copies of the original documents and one set of self-attested hard copies mentioned below: (No soft copies will be acceptable)

1. Application form duly filled. (Available below the Advertisement)
2. Copy of Aadhaar will not be considered as a proof of citizenship or date of birth as per Government Order.
3. List of acceptable documents as a proof of date of birth as per attached annexure. (Please see Annexure A)
4. Recent passport size colour photograph.
5. Essential qualifying Final / Provisional Degree certificate as per the advertisement.
6. Caste Certificate, Latest/valid non-creamy layer certificate, if applicable.
7. Work experience certificates, if applicable.
8. Copies of NET/GATE/National Level examinations conducted by Central Government Departments and their Agencies and Institutions such as DST, DBT, DAE, DOS, DRDO, MoE, ICAR, ICMR, IIT, IISc, IISER, NISER, etc and other relevant documents, if applicable.

ONLINE INTERVIEW DATE:

The Applicants are advised to complete the application and email the combined PDF including proof of Date of Birth, Recent passport size colour photograph, Essential qualifying Final / Provisional Degree certificate as per the advertisement, Caste Certificate, Latest/valid non-creamy layer certificate, if applicable and Work experience certificates, if applicable to **pmconline@nccs.res.in** by **3rd November 2025**. Incomplete applications will be summarily rejected. No communications in this regard will be made.

The Online interviews are scheduled to be conducted on **13th November 2025, between 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM**. The list of candidates shortlisted for the online interviews will be published on NCCS website **prior to 13th November 2025 as per the schedule (Table 1)**. Only those candidates listed will be contacted and scheduled for the interviews. We request all shortlisted candidates to ensure availability during the scheduled hours.

In case of selection, and upon offer, the letter of joining will only be accepted after due verification of the original documents in person, failing which, the offer will be cancelled.

The duration of offer will be determined based on fund availability.

Other important Points:

1. The Director (Additional Charge), NCCS reserves the right to cancel the recruitment process, if required.
2. The prescribed educational essential qualifications and experience are the bare minimum and mere possession of same does not entitle candidates to be called for the Interviews. The Centre reserves the right to call for Interviews only those candidates who in its opinion are likely to be suitable.
3. Candidates not having Final / Provisional Degree certificate as per the Essential qualification signed by the Institutional/ University Competent authority are not eligible to apply.
4. The above advertised positions are filled up purely on temporary basis for the limited time on the extramural projects funded by various funding agencies. The position will automatically co-terminus on the completion of the candidate's tenure. The appointed person shall have no claim of appointment/absorption in funding agency or in NCCS, Pune.
5. Fellowship/Emoluments: Emoluments to the research personnel engaged under project will be made in accordance with the sanction order or latest O.M from DST, whichever the case may be.
6. Age relaxation will be considered as on 03/11/2025. Age relaxation will be 5 years in case of Women/SC/ST/PH candidates and 3 years in case of OBC candidates as per Government of India rules. OBC candidates must produce latest/valid non-creamy layer certificate.
7. Requests for age relaxation will be considered only as per the provisions outlined in Clause no. 06 under other Important Points of the General Instructions; no exceptions will be made beyond this.
8. No TA/DA will be admissible for attending the interview.
9. Canvassing in any form and/or bringing in any influence will be treated as disqualification for the post.
10. The posts advertised shall be need based without any commitment for its filling.

11. Selected candidates will have to join duty within 15 days of the receipt of offer of appointment.

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Date of Publication: 14/10/2025




In Charge

Project Management Cell, NCCS



Annexure A (for Proof of date of Birth)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/17Zh0YlbfUEmaCqPZc15qd-1sZIGl1xfH/view?usp=sharing>

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 एनसीसीएस कॉम्प्लेक्स, सावित्रीबाई फुले पुणे विश्वविद्यालय परिसर/ Savitribai Phule Pune
 University Campus, गणेशखिंड/Ganeshkhind, पुणे/ Pune - 411007, महाराष्ट्र/ Maharashtra,
 भारत/India.

आवेदन प्रारूप / APPLICATION FORMAT

सारी जानकारी युक्तब्यौरे केवल ब्लॉक अक्षरों में भरें / All details should be filled up in block letters only.

01)	नाम / Name (उपनामपहले / SURNAME- FIRST NAME)		नवीनतम पास पोर्ट साइज़ फ़ोटोग्राफ़ चिपकाएं /Affix latest passport size photograph
02)	पिता/ पतिकानाम/ Name of Father/Spouse		
03)	विज्ञापनसं, जिस पद के लिए आवेदन किया है एवं उसकी संख्या / Advt. No. Applied Post & Post Sr. No.		
04)	जन्मतिथि / Date of Birth		
05)	आवेदन प्राप्ति के अंतिम दिनांक पर आयु / Age as on closing date of application (YY. MM. DD)		

06) I)	शहर पिन कोडसं, शहर/गाँव, जिला, राज्य एवं राष्ट्रसहित स्थायी पता/ Permanent Address along with City Pin Code No., City/Village, District, State & Country.	
06) II)	शहरपिनकोडसं, शहर/गाँव, जिला, राज्य एवं राष्ट्रसहित पत्राचार का पता/ Correspondence Address along with City Pin Code No., City/Village, District, State & Country.	
06) III)	*वैध ईमेल / Valid E-Mail Address: *वैध टेलिफोन/ मोबाइल नंबर/ Valid Telephone/Mobile Number(s):	

*कृपया सुनिश्चित करें कि ई-मेलआईडी मोबाइल नंबर सही और सुपाठ्य है / Please make sure that the E-mail ID& mobile number is correct and legible. उम्मीदवारोंको कम से कम एक वर्ष के लिए अपना मोबाइल नंबर और ई-मेलआईडी सक्रिय रखने की सलाह दी जाती है / Candidates are advised to keep their mobile no. and E-mail ID active at least for one year.

07) लिंग/Gender: _____ 08) वैवाहिक स्थिति/Marital status: _____

09) राष्ट्रियता/ Nationality: _____ 10) क्या एससी / एसटी / ओबीसी हैं / Whether SC/ST/OBC/_____

11) ओबीसी उम्मीदवार के लिए - निर्दिष्ट करें कि एनसीएल कब तक वैध है / / For OBC candidate - Specify, NCL is valid up to: _____

12) उत्तीर्ण हुई अतिरिक्त योग्यता परीक्षा (ए) / Additional Qualifying Examination(s) passed

(A) सीएसआइआर/CSIR/युजीसी-नेट/UGC-NET/एलएस/ LS पंजीकरण/अनुक्रमांक / Registration/Roll No.: परीक्षा तिथि /Date of exam: तक वैधता / Valid till: उत्तीर्ण होने का वर्ष/Year of Passing:	(B) गेट/GATE/डीबीटी-जेआरएफ DBT-JRF (श्रेणी/Category-II अध्येतावृत्ति/Fellowship) पंजीकरण/अनुक्रमांक/ Registration/Roll No.: परीक्षा तिथि/Date of exam: तक वैधता Valid till: उत्तीर्ण होने का वर्ष/Year of Passing:
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13) शैक्षिकयोग्यता (एस एस सी से शुरू करना है) / Educational Qualification: (Starting from SSC onwards)

उपाधि/डिग्री/ Degree/ परीक्षाउत्तीर्ण/ Examination passed	बोर्ड/ विश्वविद्यालय का नाम/ Name of the Board/University	विषय/ विशेषविषय/ Subjects/Specialization	कुलप्राप्तांक / Total Marks Obtained/Out of	प्रतिशत/ श्रेणी/ Percentage / Grade	उत्तीर्ण होने का महीना एवं वर्ष/ Month & Year of passing

14) अनुभव / Experience: (वर्तमान / तत्काल अंतिम नियोक्ता से शुरू / Starting from the present/immediate last employer)

संगठन का नाम/Name of the organization, कौन से पद पर नियुक्त थे/ Post Held और/& रिपोर्टिंग मार्गदर्शक/ Reporting guide/प्रमुख/ head/प्रभारी अधिकारी/ In- charge officer	अवधि / Period		वेतनमान/Scale of Pay और/& कुल परिलब्धियाँ/ Gross Emoluments	नौकरी की प्रकृति / Nature of Job	छोड़ने का कारण /Reasons for Leaving
	से / From	तक / To			

15) कुल अनुभव / TOTAL EXPERIENCE: ____ वर्ष/ Year(s) ____ महीने / Month(s)

टिप्पणी / Note: प्रमाण पत्र के बिना अनुभव परविचार नहीं किया जाएगा / Experience without certificate shall not be considered.

16) संपूर्ण संदर्भ के साथ अनुसंधान प्रकाशन (यदि है तो) / Research Publications with full references (if any)

17) पद प्राथमिकिताएँ मैं प्रस्तुत करता/करती हूँ / I am herewith submitting my post preferences.

(निम्न सारणी में पद का नाम एवं सिरीयल नंबर लिखें / Write serial number and name of the post & PI Name in the below table.)

पद अनु. क्र. / Post Sr. No.	पद अनु. क्र. / Post Sr. No.
पहली प्राथमिकता / 1 st Preference (Write PI Name)	दूसरा अधिमान / 2 nd Preference (Write PI Name)

18) Do you have any publications or demonstrated experience in the desired areas
(If Yes, please provide details:

19) घोषणा/ DECLARATION

मैं एत दद्वारा घोषणा करता / करती हूँ कि विज्ञापन में दर्ज किए हुए अनुदेश एवं मार्गदर्शन सूचनाओं के मैंने सावधानी से पढ़ा है। मेरे ज्ञानऔर विश्वासके अनुसार मेरे द्वारा दीगई सभी जानकारी /आंकड़ें सही है , आवेदन में अगर कोई सूचना / डेटा गलत पाया जाता है या अपूर्ण आवेदन फॉर्म पाया जाता है तब, मेरी उम्मीदवारी अस्वीकृति के लिए उत्तरदायी है। / I hereby declare that I have carefully read the instructions and guidelines mentioned in the advertisement. To the best of my knowledge and belief all the information/data provided by me are true and correct, if any information/data found incorrect in the application or furnishing of incomplete application form. then, my candidature is liable for rejection.

दिनांक/ Date: -

आवेदक का नाम एवं हस्ताक्षर / Name & signature of the applicant