



Indo-Swiss Joint Research Project

WALK-IN INTERVIEW FOR THE POSITION OF RESEARCH ASSOCIATE-III

Eligible & highly motivated applicants are invited for a walk-in interview for the position of **RESEARCH ASSOCIATE-III** in a Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, funded Indo Swiss Joint Research Project entitled *"Using millet-legume model intercropping systems to establish mycorrhiza-facilitated bioirrigation in dryland agriculture"* in the Department of Ecology and Environmental Sciences, School of Life Sciences, Pondicherry University.

Number of positions: 1 (ONE)

Research area: Agriculture/Agroecology/Soil Microbiology/Agricultural Biotechnology

Fellowship/Salary: Rs. 67,000 per month + HRA 20% or as per the latest norms of the DBT/DST, Government of India

Essential qualification: PhD in Agricultural Sciences/Environmental Sciences

Desirable qualification: PhD in Agronomy/Soil Sciences/Agricultural or Environmental Microbiology/Agricultural or Environmental Biotechnology with experience in soil/plant/molecular biology lab, design and analysis of field experiments, excellent writing, presentation, and communication skills in English. Proven track record of publications in internationally peer-reviewed journals. Willingness to travel as required for the project. Experience in project management and teaching/research supervision.

Upper age limit: 40 years (Men)/45 years (Women) or as per latest norms of DBT/DST, Government of India

Duration of the position: until **24.02.2026** or until the project is completed/extended, subject to the funding agency's approval.

Date of Interview: 29-09-2025.

Interview Venue: Faculty Meeting Room, 1st Floor, Science Block-I, Department of Ecology & Environmental Sciences, School of Life Sciences, Pondicherry University.

How to report and attend the interview?

- The reporting time will be **10:30 A.M to 12:30 P.M** on scheduled date of interview (i.e., 29-09-2025) with the latest CV and self-attested required documents with Aadhar, Experience certificate, Caste Certificate and N.O.C (if currently working). The candidates reporting after the reporting time on the above-mentioned interview dates will not be considered for the interview.
- The interview shall start from **02:30 P.M onwards** in the venue mentioned above.
- Candidates are advised to visit the institute's website regularly and for any update or avoid any inconvenience before appearing the interview.
- Selection will be done on the basis of interview by the duly constituted selection committee. Original certificates and self-attested copies of all certificates need to be presented before the interview for verification.
- No TA/DA will be provided for attending the interview
- The position is purely temporary and will be governed as per the University and/or DBT rules.
- For clarification, if any, please contact mathimaran.natarajan@gmail.com

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