



JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Name of the post:	LAB TECHNICIAN
Number of positions:	1
Job description:	Applications are invited from eligible and highly motivated candidates for the position of Lab Technician in an Indo-Swiss Joint Research Project entitled "Using millet-legume model intercropping systems to establish mycorrhiza-facilitated bioirrigation in dryland agriculture".
Funding agency:	Department of Biotechnology, Government of India,
Place of work:	Centre for Sustainability and Climate Studies, Department of Ecology and Environmental Sciences, School of Life Sciences, Pondicherry University.
Research area:	Agriculture / Agroecology / Ecophysiology / Microbiology / Soil Science
Fellowship:	₹20,000 per month consolidated, or as per DBT, Government of India / project norms.
Essential qualification:	Bachelor's degree in any discipline, preferably in Science / Engineering / Agriculture / Life Sciences / Microbiology / Biotechnology / Environmental Science / allied disciplines, from a recognized University / Institution.
Desirable experience/skills:	Master's degree in any discipline will be desirable. Candidates with experience in handling laboratory equipment, greenhouse-related operations, field/lab sample processing, and basic technical support for research activities will be preferred. Experience in greenhouse maintenance, pot experiments, plant growth monitoring, soil/plant/microbial sample handling, and assisting in day-to-day project activities will be an added advantage. Ability to drive a car with a valid driving licence is desirable. The candidate should be willing to travel for field visits and project-related work as required. Good organisational ability, basic computer skills, record keeping, multitasking capacity, and willingness to support diverse laboratory, greenhouse, field, and administrative tasks related to the project will be preferred.
Duration of the position:	Approximately 10 months or until the completion of the project period, i.e., 24 February 2027, whichever is earlier.
Age limit:	Upper age limit is 50 years as on the last date of application, or as per DBT, Government of India / project norms. Relaxation may be applicable for candidates belonging to reserved categories as per Government of India norms.
Application process:	All interested and eligible candidates are required to apply through the online form: https://forms.gle/6KfAbPJtadtGTNkm7 . Candidates should also send a copy of their complete professional CV as a single PDF file, named in the format first name_year of birth, e.g., ravi_2002, as an email attachment to jobmathilab@gmail.com, with "Application for Lab Technician 2026" as the subject of the email.
Selection process:	All applications will be scrutinized by a duly constituted screening committee, and shortlisted candidates will be notified through email only. Selection will be based on an online or in-person interview and/or skill assessment, by a duly constituted selection committee. Original certificates and self-attested copies of all certificates must be produced for verification as instructed, either before or at the time of interview and/or at the time of joining, if selected.
Terms and Conditions:	No TA/DA will be provided for attending the interview. The position is purely temporary and will be governed by the statutes/ordinances of Pondicherry University and/or DBT rules. The recruitment process may be postponed or cancelled without prior notice, subject to the release of funds from the funding agency.
Application deadline:	24 May 2026 by 5:30 p.m.

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