



Rolling Advertisement

Call for Applications: Chief Minister's Post-Doctoral Fellowship (CM-PDF) for BioE3 Policy-Based Translational Research in Biotechnology at Gujarat Biotechnology University (GBU), Gandhinagar

The Chief Minister Post-Doctoral Fellowship (CM-PDF) is meant for highly skilled and motivated young biotechnologists (Indian Nationals) with a proven record of outstanding science and innovation to undertake independent research in cutting-edge areas of biotechnology with translational potential. The applicants of CM-PDF will be required to submit a brief proposal in the prescribed format for disruptive innovations that facilitate the affordability of biotechnology-based solutions for the societal challenges.

The fellowship will be for two years, with the third year extendable for outstanding performers only, as decided by the evaluation committee.

Total number of CM Post-Doctoral fellowships: Ten

Eligibility:

- The applicant must be an Indian citizen with a Ph.D. degree from a recognized University in the area of biotechnology/microbiology/biochemistry/bioinformatics/agriculture/life sciences or allied subjects. The candidate should have an outstanding academic (M.Sc./M.Tech/B.Tech. with at least 60% marks) and research track record, evidenced by high-quality publications in journals of international repute, patents, technology development, translational research outputs, and other notable scholarly or innovation achievements.
- The candidate must demonstrate a minimum cumulative SCI impact factor of 10 from up to three first-author research publications in SCI-indexed journals; equivalent consideration may also be given to patents, technology development, or translational research outputs of comparable merit, as assessed by the screening and selection committee.
- The upper age limit for the fellowship is **35 years** at the time of the submission of the application. Age will be calculated by taking the date of closure of the respective call. An age relaxation of 5 (five) years will be given to candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Physically Challenged & Women categories.
- CM-PDF of GBU can be availed only once by a candidate in his or her career.
- A candidate can submit a single application with only one research proposal in a call for applications.

**Emoluments:**

The selected fellow shall receive a fellowship of ₹1,00,000/- per month (consolidated, inclusive of HRA). In addition, each fellow shall be provided with an annual research grant of ₹5,00,000/- to support research-related expenses, including consumables, contingency, and travel. Expenditure under contingency shall not exceed 10% of the annual research grant, and expenditure under travel shall not exceed 5% of the annual research grant.

CM-PDF Guidelines:

- The fellows are required to undertake full-time innovative and translational biotechnological research independently at Gujarat Biotechnology University during the entire duration of the fellowship.
- The fellows will not be permitted to receive any other fellowship/salary from any government or non-governmental source during the tenure of the fellowship.
- The fellows cannot be away from Gujarat Biotechnology University (except for fieldwork or collaborative research work, only after due approval of the competent authority) continuously for a period of more than one week.
- CM-PDF may apply for or obtain any intellectual property through GBU for an invention based on research work done at Gujarat Biotechnology University, as per GBU norms.
- CM-PDF may publish any research article based on research work done at Gujarat Biotechnology University. The existing article publication charges (APC) rules for faculty, GBU, will be applicable.

General guidelines:

- The candidates are required to submit an innovative research proposal (maximum 1500 words), which he/she desire to undertake at GBU.
- The proposal should contain a title, background, research problem or research question/well defined objectives, a work plan with timelines and expected outcomes/products. The proposal should also have a paragraph describing the novelty of the work.
- The candidate must submit an undertaking that the proposal is free from any plagiarism.
- The candidates should ensure they meet the eligibility criteria of CM-PDF.
- Candidates should ensure that the correct documents, CV, research proposal, degree certificates, credentials, recommendation letters, and copies of publications are submitted in the online application form. The original copies of all submitted documents shall be verified upon the selection of the candidate.
- Partially filled applications, applications missing the required documents, or applications not submitted within the stipulated deadline will be rejected without scrutiny.
- The competent authority reserves the right to decrease the number of CM-PDF fellows.
- CM-PDF fellows will be required to submit a progress report every six months, which will be assessed by a designated committee. After completion of the first year, their



annual performance will be evaluated by a designated committee. The fellowship may be extended for the second year, based on the committee's recommendation.

- The fellowship will be awarded for a period of two years, with a possible extension to a third year for outstanding performers only, as decided by the evaluation committee.
- CM-PDF is a fellowship for fixed tenure and does not imply any assurance or guarantee for subsequent employment at Gujarat Biotechnology University. The candidate can not lay any claim for permanent absorption at Gujarat Biotechnology University.
- CM-PDF will not discontinue the fellowship without prior approval of the competent authority of the Gujarat Biotechnology University. In case CM-PDF wishes to discontinue the fellowship prior to the completion of the tenure, resignation may be submitted through the proper channel one month in advance, indicating specific reasons for not continuing the fellowship. Furthermore, the fellow must submit a detailed report along with complete data of the research work done during the entire period of CM-PDF.
- Any service matter not stated herein shall be determined by the competent authority of the Gujarat Biotechnology University, whose decision should be final and binding on both parties.

Note: The detail guidelines are available on the GBU website. Candidates are advised to go through the detail guidelines before applying. The application in the prescribed format along with all required annexures and enclosures must be submitted to the email id: cm.pdf@gbu.edu.in

Registrar
Gujarat Biotechnology University