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PRL Junior Research Fellowships (JRFs) – 2022

Applications for Junior Research Fellowships (JRFs) at Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) are invited from highly motivated and dynamic candidates to pursue research in any of the following science domains:

- 1. Planetary Sciences and Space Exploration:** Studies of surfaces, atmospheres, ionospheres of planets; theoretical modelling and observational studies of physical processes of Mars, Venus, Moon, asteroids; origin and evolution of the solar system objects through laboratory analysis of extra-terrestrial material (meteorites and sample returned missions); analysis of data from Indian missions Chandrayaan-1, -2, -3, Mars Orbiter Mission and Aditya-L1; Development of scientific instruments for future planetary missions to Moon, Venus and Mars; and Studies of planetary geology through the data obtained from space missions.
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- 3. Solar Astrophysics:** Physics of solar oscillations; structure and evolution of sunspots; magneto-hydrodynamic processes in the solar atmosphere, coronal heating, solar eruptions; and space weather predictions. These investigations utilize high-resolution multi-wavelength data from both ground and space-based instruments like Multi-Application Solar Telescope (MAST), Chandrayaan-2, Udaipur-CALLISTO solar radio spectrometer, Global Oscillation Network group (GONG) together with numerical simulations. The solar astrophysics group is also involved in the design and development of sophisticated instruments for solar observations and participation in upcoming national projects, like the Aditya-L1 space mission and National Large Solar Telescope (NLST).

Candidates from disciplines of any branch of Physics, Engineering Physics, Space Physics, Atmospheric Sciences, Geology, Geophysics, Remote Sensing are eligible to apply. Candidates must have Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Science or Engineering with at least a first-class (60%) or equivalent grades at both Bachelor's and Master's levels and must have qualified in any national exam conducted by CSIR-UGC-NET, JEST, GATE and UGC-NET (Env. Sci.) with a valid score.

A Candidate must be an Indian citizen and should have studied at recognized Universities/Institutes in India. The upper age limit is 28 years as on 1 July 2022.

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It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to ensure fulfillment of the eligibility criteria as notified. The candidate should fully comply with the procedural requirements and time limits stipulated for submission of the online application. Any deviations from the above would result in the cancellation of candidature, and any representation, whatsoever, on such matters will not be entertained.

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