

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT (A) DEPARTMENT

THE RAJIV GANDHI CENTRE FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, KERALA

REQUIRES A

DIRECTOR

The Centre is an autonomous R&D Centre under the umbrella of the State Committee on Science, Technology and Environment, Government of Kerala. The Centre works on several areas overlapping Molecular Biology and Biotechnology. These include areas such as Infectious Diseases, Plant Molecular Biology, Environmental Biotechnology, Transgenic Plants and Animals, Genetic Diseases and Molecular Basis of Biological functions. Although the Centre is formally with the State Government, the major support for the research activities has come from the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India. Practically all the modern equipments for carrying out research in the area of biotechnology are available and we constantly update our stock of fine chemicals and other reagents. The **Director is the Chief Executive** of the institute and is responsible for developing and managing prospective plans for the institution, providing scientific leadership, management of day-to-day operations, human resources management and inter agency R&D programmes, as well as negotiation requiring R&D plans/contracts.

The appointment is on contract, generally for a period of 6 years or up to superannuation at the age of 60 years, whichever is earlier. The six-year period is extendable in cases where the person has not crossed the age of 60 after the six-year term.

The scale of pay is Rs. 18400-500-22400 plus allowances as per CSIR norms.

The qualification for prospective candidates would be a Ph.D. in areas such as molecular biology, biotechnology, genetics, biochemistry or biophysics. The candidate should have excellent post-doctoral research experience of minimum 20 years with a good track record of scientific publications and experience in scientific administration. Creativity in basic research and ability to support applied work particularly of larger interest to the region will be important.

Applications with detailed Biodata should reach the Principal Secretary to Government, Science, Technology and Environment Department (STED), Sasthra Bhavan, Pattom Palace P.O., Thiruvananthapuram 695 004 within 30 days from the publication of this advertisement. The applications should contain the names of three referees also. In addition, nominations by eminent scientists from any part of India will also be considered.