



KERALA VETERINARY AND ANIMAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF DAIRY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, POOKODE

Lakkidi P.O., Wayanad – 673 576, Kerala

No. CDST/PKD/Estt(2)/20/2015

Pookode, dated 15.10.2026

NOTIFICATION FOR ENGAGEMENT OF JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW (JRF)

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the engagement of **one Junior Research Fellow (JRF)** under the research project entitled **“Indigenous phagebiotic functional formulation against livestock-associated Multidrug-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*: A One Health Approach to Gut Microbiome Modulation in a Murine Model,”** funded by the Department of Health Research (DHR), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, to be implemented at the College of Dairy Science and Technology, Pookode, Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University.

1. Details of the position

Particulars	Details
Name of the post	Junior Research Fellow (JRF)
Number of vacancies	01
Fellowship	₹37,000/- per month, plus HRA as admissible under the funding agency's guidelines
Duration	As per the sanctioned project period and applicable DHR guidelines
Place of work	College of Dairy Science and Technology, Pookode, Wayanad, Kerala

2. Essential qualifications

Postgraduate degree in Microbiology/Biotechnology **OR** M.Tech Dairy Microbiology/ BVSc &AH, subject to fulfillment of the prescribed national-level examination/selection criteria.

Candidates must have been selected through at least one of the following routes:

1. National Eligibility Tests such as CSIR-UGC NET, including NET-Lectureship/Assistant Professorship, and GATE; **or**
2. National-level examinations conducted by Central Government Departments and their agencies/institutions, such as DST, DBT, DAE, DOS, DRDO, MoE, ICAR, ICMR, IIT, IISc, IISER, NISER, NEET

3. Desirable qualifications

1. Postgraduate degree in Dairy Microbiology, Veterinary Medicine, Microbiology, Biotechnology.
2. Research experience in bacteriophages, probiotics, molecular microbiology or microbiome research.
3. Practical experience in bacterial culture, bacteriophage isolation and characterisation, molecular biology techniques , handling of bacterial pathogens.

4. Selection procedure

Eligible candidates will be shortlisted based on their qualifications, relevant experience and fulfillment of the prescribed eligibility criteria. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview. The date, time and venue of the interview will be communicated to the shortlisted candidates through email.

The selection will be made based on the candidate's academic qualifications, research aptitude, relevant experience and performance in the interview, in accordance with the applicable University and funding agency guidelines.

5. How to apply

Eligible candidates may submit their applications in the prescribed format (Annexure I), along with a recent photograph, detailed curriculum vitae and self-attested copies of relevant certificates and supporting documents, including:

- Proof of date of birth.
- Degree/provisional certificates and mark lists.
- Proof of qualifying national-level examination/selection, wherever applicable.
- Certificates of research experience, if any.
- Other relevant supporting documents.

The completed application, along with all supporting documents, shall be submitted as a **single PDF file** by email to **archanac@kvasu.ac.in** on or before **31.10.2026**.

The subject of the email shall be: **Application for JRF – DHR Project – [Advertisement Number]**.

Applications that are incomplete, submitted in an incorrect format or received after the prescribed deadline may not be considered.

6. Terms and conditions

1. The appointment will be purely temporary and contractual, and co-terminus with the project or for such period as permitted under the sanctioned project, subject to satisfactory performance and applicable rules.
2. The selected candidate shall work under the supervision of the Principal Investigator and undertake research activities related to the objectives of the project.

3. The candidate must produce all original certificates and supporting documents for verification at the time of the interview.
4. No TA/DA will be paid for attending the interview.
5. The candidate should be willing to work at CDST, Pookode, Wayanad, Kerala.
6. The appointment shall not confer any right to claim regular employment in the University or any other institution.
7. The fellowship and other admissible benefits shall be governed by the applicable DHR and University rules.
8. Canvassing in any form will lead to disqualification.
9. The University reserves the right to cancel or modify the notification or recruitment process in accordance with applicable rules.

Sd/-

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ANNEXURE I

APPLICATION FORM FOR THE POST OF JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW (JRF)

Project: Indigenous phagebiotic functional formulation against livestock-associated Multidrug-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*: A One Health Approach to Gut Microbiome Modulation in a Murine Model

1. Name of the candidate (in capital letters):
2. Date of birth:
3. Age as on the last date of application:
4. Gender:
5. Category:
6. Name of parent/guardian:
7. Address for correspondence:
8. Mobile number:
9. Email ID:

10. Educational qualifications

Degree	Subject/Specialisation	University/Institution	Year of passing	Percentage/OGPA
Bachelor's degree				
Master's degree				
Other qualifications				

11. National-level examination/eligibility details

Examination	Year Qualified/Selected Score/Rank, if applicable
CSIR-UGC NET/other NET	
GATE	
Other eligible national-level examination	

12. Research experience, if any

Institution/Project	Period	Nature of work
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13. Relevant laboratory skills and research experience

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14. Publications, presentations, awards or fellowships, if any

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15. Any other relevant information

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Declaration

I hereby declare that the information furnished above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false or incorrect information may lead to rejection of my candidature or termination of engagement, if selected.

Place:

Date:

Signature of the candidate: _____