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## Junior Research Fellow (JRF)/Project Assistant position in a DST-SERB neuroethology project in Biology at Ashoka University

Applications are invited for one post of a project Junior Research Fellow (JRF)/Project Assistant (PA) in a Department of Science and Technology (DST-SERB) funded project No. CRG/2019/006958 titled "The Neural Basis of Communication", for two years, at the lab of Dr. Bittu Kaveri Rajaraman. <u>https://ashoka.edu.in/welcome/faculty#!/bittu-kaveri-rajaraman-46</u>

**Essential qualification:** Candidates with a Bachelors or B.Tech. degree with a minimum of 55% marks, with hands-on research experience and the ability to build novel experimental setups involving electronics, noise cancelation, wood work, glass, metal and plastic work, animal maintenance, field work assistance, driving, and coding.

Skills in sensor building, electrical engineering, fabrication especially of small parts, welding, additive and subtractive manufacturing, CNC based laser work, 3D fabrication and modeling are additional advantages, as is an interest and enthusiasm for science, inquisitiveness, critical thinking, a good work ethic, the ability to work with a team, and good communication.

Additional qualifications for JRF are: Post-graduate or graduate degree with NET/GATE qualification.

**Salary**: Fellowship amount is as per DST norms, Government of India guidelines. (Candidates without NET/GATE qualification may be considered for project assistant post with reduced salary as per SERB rule).

**Duration**: Two years (initial appointment will be for 6 months, which is extendable to up to 2 years every six months based on satisfactory performance and mutual interest). The post is purely temporary and co-terminus with the project.

**How to apply:** Interested candidates may submit their detailed CV with relevant lab experience information and contact details (email and phone number) of two referees, with the subject line 'JRF/PA position in DST project' to the PI: Dr. Bittu Kaveri Rajaraman, Associate Professor, Biology and Psychology, Ashoka University via e-mail to <u>bittu@ashoka.edu.in</u>.

An initial screening to shortlist suitable candidates will be followed by an interview at the Ashoka University by a panel of scientists. The first round of interviews of short-listed candidates will be conducted on the 30th of August 2020, but you can continue to send in CVs after that. Note: Mere fulfilment of qualifications/experience requirements does not entitle a candidate to be called for the interview. Only shortlisted candidates will be called for an interview and will be informed by email.