

**MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
SANKARA NETHRALAYA 41/18 COLLEGE ROAD,  
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**Advertisement for Project Associate position in research project funded by DST-SERB**

Applications are invited for one position of **Project Associate** in a research project funded by **DST-SERB**, Govt of India, at the Microbiology department, Medical Research Foundation, Chennai. The proposed project will present the candidate with a unique opportunity to explore ocular microbiome in various healthy and diseased populations.

**Title of the project:** “Metagenomic analysis of ocular surface microbiome in health and disease”

**Principal Investigator:** Dr. A.R. Anand , Senior Associate Professor, Microbiology Department, Medical Research Foundation, Chennai.

**Duration of the project:** Three years

**Qualifications:**

- a) **Essential :** M.Sc/M.Tech Life Sciences.
- b) **Desirable:** Candidates should have qualified NET (CSIR-UGC) or GATE or any other national eligibility examination. Previous research experience in molecular biology and microbiology will be an added advantage. Candidates should possess good communication and writing skills.

**Age Limit:** Not more than 35 years as on 10.12.2023. Age relaxation as per DST-SERB guidelines.

**Fellowship:** Rs. 31000/- + 24% HRA per month (Consolidated) for the candidate who possesses valid CSIR / UGC-JRF / NET / GATE / Qualified National Level Test conducted by Central Govt. Depts and their agencies along with minimum qualification  
Rs. 25,000/- + 24% HRA per month (Consolidated) for the candidate who possesses only minimum qualification

**Terms and conditions:** As per DST-SERB guidelines and MRF norms. The position is temporary and co-terminus with the project

**Application:** Interested candidates can send their applications with their detailed CV on or before 10.12.2023 by email to [dranand@snmail.org](mailto:dranand@snmail.org) and [hr@snmail.org](mailto:hr@snmail.org). Shortlisted candidates will be intimated by e-mail informing date and time of interview.