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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MADRAS
CHENNAI – 600 036

Advertisement No.: ICSR/PR/Advt.174/2026 Dated: 04/09/2026

Applications are invited for the temporary post of **Junior Research Fellow**, Department of **Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, IIT Madras**

Co-ordinator: Prof. Somnath Bhattacharyya, Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, IIT Madras

Duration: Initially for 3months, later extendable until 2 years based on the performance.

Number of Vacancies: 01

S.No	Post	Qualification and Experience	Pay
1	Junior Research Fellow	Post Graduate Degree in Basic Science or Graduate/Post Graduate Degree in a Professional Course, selected through a process described under any one of the following: a. Scholars who have qualified through National Eligibility Tests such as CSIR-UGC NET, including Assistant Professorship, and with a valid GATE score OR b. Candidates selected through national-level examinations conducted by Central Government Departments and their agencies and institutions, such as DST, DBT, DAE, DOS, DRDO, MoE, ICAR, ICMR, IITs, IISc, IISERs, NISER, or other equivalent national-level examinations.	₹37,000/- per month + 30% HRA

Job Description:

- Candidate has to carry out research in the field of synthesis-characterization-H₂ sorption studies of metal hydride based composites and energetic MOF.

Desirable Qualifications

Preference will be given to candidates having:

- Strong academic background in Materials Science, Chemistry, Physics, Chemical Engineering, Materials Engineering, or related disciplines.
- Experience in MAX phase synthesis and porous materials.
- Experience in Metal–Organic Framework (MOF) synthesis.

- Knowledge and hands-on experience in material characterization techniques.
- Experience or research exposure in gas adsorption and adsorption kinetics.
- Relevant research publications, project experience, or demonstrated research aptitude.

Note:

1. The above positions are **purely temporary** and are co-terminus with the DRDO-sponsored research project.
2. The appointment to these positions does not confer any right on the selected candidates for absorption into any permanent position at the Institute or DRDO.
3. Only shortlisted candidates will be called for the interview/selection process.
4. The selection will be based on the candidate's academic qualifications, relevant research experience, publications, and performance in the interview, as applicable.
5. Candidates must produce original certificates and supporting documents relating to their educational qualifications, experience, national-level examination qualifications, publications, and other relevant credentials at the time of the interview.
6. No TA/DA will be provided for attending the interview.
7. The selected candidates may be required to work on various aspects of the research project, including **material synthesis, MOF synthesis, development of porous materials, material characterization, gas adsorption measurements, adsorption kinetics, and related experimental and data analysis activities.**
8. The decision of the competent authority regarding the selection of candidates shall be final.

The last date for submission of online application is 21.09.2026.

General Instructions to the candidates

- 1) All the positions are on purely contract basis.
- 2) The completion of the period of contract will not confer any right for further extension, regularization, permanency at the Institute.
- 3) Candidates should apply online only in the website https://icandsr.iitm.ac.in/careers/current_openings.php - **(Please check the advertisement number Advt. 174/2026 displayed and submit the application for the relevant position).**
- 4) Separate application has to be filled for each post.
- 5) The system will accept single application only with the registered login ID (email) for an advertisement, hence the candidate is requested to select the multiple positions (In case, the candidate wishes to apply for more than one position) before the submission of application.
- 6) The application cannot be edited, reverted once it is submitted.

- 7) Candidates should not attempt to apply twice for the same post. If multiple applications are received from a candidate for the same post, the candidature will liable to be rejected.
- 8) Candidates should follow the prescribed procedure for submission of online application.
- 9) Candidates are advised to fill their correct and active e-mail addresses in the online application as all correspondence will be made by the Institute through e-mail only.
- 10) The candidates applying for any post should ensure that they fulfil all the eligibility conditions for the post. Their admission to any stage of the selection process will be purely provisional subject to confirmation that they satisfy the prescribed eligibility conditions. Mere issue of registration certificate / call letter to the candidate will not imply that the candidature has been found eligible.
- 11) After successful online submission of application, a print out of the application form must be obtained and submitted when called for test. It will be required at the time of document verification/test/interview. Hard copy of the application is NOT to be sent to the Institute.
- 12) Candidates must be citizens of India. Persons who have migrated from Pakistan with the intention of permanently settling in India or subjects of Nepal are also eligible, but in their case a certificate of eligibility from the Government of India will be necessary for appointment. Such candidates should apply to the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs for necessary certificate and furnish satisfactory proof of having so applied.
- 13) The prescribed qualifications are minimum and unless specified, they are required for consideration for the post, even if higher qualification has been acquired and the mere fact that a candidate possesses the same will not entitle them for being called for interview.
- 14) Relevant experience gained after the minimum qualifying degree will only be taken into consideration. Minimum requirements of qualifications and/or experience can be relaxed in respect of exceptionally outstanding candidates.
- 15) The experience required is relaxable at the discretion of the Institute in the case of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe, if at any stage of selection, the competent authority is of the opinion that sufficient number of candidates from these communities possessing the requisite experience are not likely to be available to fill up the vacancy reserved for them.
- 16) The Institute reserves the right to restrict the number of candidates for written / skill test / interview to a reasonable limit on the basis of qualifications, level and relevance of experience higher than the minimum prescribed in the advertisement and other academic achievements. The Institute also reserves the right of rejecting any or all the applications without assigning any reasons, therefore.
- 17) Calling a candidate for test/interview merely indicates that it is felt that the candidate with others may be suitable for the post and conveys no assurance whatsoever that they will be recommended or selected or their conditions specified in the application will be accepted.
- 18) Candidates will be short-listed for Test/Interview on the basis of the information provided by them in their online applications. They must ensure that such information is true. If at any subsequent stage or at the time of Test/Interview any information given by them or any claim made by them in their online applications is found to be false, their candidature will be liable to be rejected.

- 19) The Institute shall verify the antecedents or documents submitted by a candidate at any time at the time of appointment or during the tenure of the service. In case, it is detected that the documents submitted by the candidates are fake or the candidate has clandestine antecedents/background and has suppressed the said information, then their services shall be liable to be terminated.
- 20) In case of any inadvertent mistake in the process of selection which may be detected at any stage even after the issue of appointment letter, the Institute reserves the right to modify/ withdraw/ cancel any communication made to the candidates.
- 21) Applicants who are working in **any one of the Project at IIT Madras**, must apply through proper channel otherwise they will be required to produce No-Objection Certificate at the time of document verification/Test/Interview. Candidates without NOC will not be permitted to appear for Test/Interview.
- 22) Candidates may send testimonials from persons intimately acquainted with their work and character. If the applicant is in employment, the candidate should submit testimonials from the most recent employer or immediate superior as a referee.
- 23) The Institute has a right to decide the mode of screening and testing the applicant for short listing and selection.
- 24) The Institute solely reserves the right not to fill any advertised position without assigning any reason
- 25) Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.
- 26) No correspondence whatsoever will be entertained from candidates regarding conduct and result of test/interview and reasons for not being called for interview. Canvassing in any form will be a disqualification.
- 27) The crucial date for determining the eligibility criteria for all candidates in every respect shall be the prescribed closing date for submission of online application.
- 28) The Institute strives to have a workforce which reflects gender balance and women candidates are encouraged to apply.
- 29) Any corrigendum/clarifications on this advertisement, if necessary, shall be uploaded on website and no separate communication will be sent for this purpose.
- 30) If there is any issue to submit the application please send E-mail to : icsrrecruitment@icsrpis.iitm.ac.in / icsrrecruitment6@icsrpis.iitm.ac.in **Contact: 044- 2257 9796** on all working days from **9.00 AM to 05.30 PM (Monday to Friday – except National Holidays)**. (Please note, only technical issues will be accepted – No interim correspondence with reference to the selection proce0073s will be considered).
- 31) **Instructions to apply online:-**Eligible applicants would require to register and apply online through https://icandsr.iitm.ac.in/careers/current_openings.php and submit the application.
- 32) Reservations for SC, ST and OBC candidates will be applicable.

Sd/-

CM-HR
Office of IC&SR
IIT Madras



Outlook

Re: Fw: request for advertisement of 3 project position as soon as possible (document attached)

From Somnath Bhattacharyya <somnathb@iitm.ac.in>

Date Fri 04-Sep-26 12:25 PM

To ICSR Consultant & Announcement <icsrrecruitment6@icsrpiis.iitm.ac.in>

 3 attachments (430 KB)

Announcement Project Scientist II.docx; Announcement Junior Research Fellow.docx; Announcement Project Associate II(1).docx;

Dear madam,

My inputs are added here. Kindly release it today and share me the links so that I can advertise in LinkedIn.

Best regards,

Somnath

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From: ICSR <icsrrecruitment6@icsrpiis.iitm.ac.in>

To: somnathb <somnathb@iitm.ac.in>

Date: Thursday, 3 September 2026 3:28 PM IST

Subject: Fw: request for advertisement of 3 project position as soon as possible (document attached)

Dear Sir,

Please find attached the modified announcement draft for your kind review and reference.

Kindly confirm Duration: Initially for XX, later extendable based on the performance

Kindly provide your approval to proceed further.

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Thanks & Regards,

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From: Somnath Bhattacharyya <somnathb@iitm.ac.in>
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2026 12:07 PM
To: ICSR STE Appointments <icsrrecruitment1@icsrpis.iitm.ac.in>
Subject: request for advertisement of 3 project position as soon as possible (document attached)

Dear madam,

For our recently funded ARMREB project (ARMREB/HEM/2026/345) we would like to advertise 3 project positions (JRF, project associate II and Project Scientist II) as soon as possible. I am hereby attaching the write up we made for these advertisements. Kindly go through it, make necessary changes wherever needed, send it to me to go through it once and go through it as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Best regards,
SOMnath

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