



अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान, राजकोट, गुजरात All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Rajkot, Gujarat

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WALK-IN INTERVIEW FOR UPGRADATION OF VIRAL RESEARCH AND DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY (VRDL) TO BSL-III LAB UNDER PRIME MINISTER AYUSHMAN BHARAT HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE MISSION (PM-ABHIM), ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, RAJKOT

The upgradation of the existing Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (DHR-VRDL) to a Biosafety Level-III (BSL-III) laboratory is being carried out at the Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Rajkot under the flagship Government of India scheme – “Prime Minister Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)”. This infrastructure development project is funded by the Department of Health Research – Indian Council of Medical Research (DHR-ICMR), aimed at enhancing the nation's core capacity for timely diagnosis and response to infectious disease outbreaks and public health emergencies.

Eligible candidates are invited for the walk-in interviews for the following Contractual posts under ad-hoc extramural research project to be conducted at **AIIMS, Rajkot on 24.07.2025 from 10.00 am onwards.**

(This is a ROLLING ADVERTISEMENT and walk-in interview will be conducted every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month till the vacancies mentioned gets filled up starting from 24 July 2025.)

<https://forms.gle/AUBztKTCv16UEpeD8> (please fill the provided google link)
(for all candidates to register mandatory before appearing in the walk-in-interview)

Last date of application : 23rd July 2025 till 5 PM (For interview on 24th July 2025)

Reporting time : 9 AM (Candidates reporting after 9 am will not be considered)

Place : Research cell, 3rd floor, Academic block, AIIMS, Rajkot.

Job location: VRDL, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Rajkot

Duration of employment: 12 months which can be extended further depending upon the candidate's performance, continuation of scheme and budget grant from the funding agency.

Job location: Medical college level VRDL, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Rajkot

Name of Post	Age Limit	No. of post	Emoluments (Norms for Salary) in Rs.	Remarks
Scientist C (Med.)	up to 40 years	1	67000+ HRA	Increment as admissible as per DST norms.
Scientist C (Non-Med.)	up to 40 years	1	67000+ HRA	Increment as admissible as per DST norms
Scientist B (Non-	up to 35 years	1	56000 + HRA	Increment as admissible as per DST norms

Med.)				
Research Assistant	up to 30 years	1	35000	Consolidated without any allowances.
Lab Technician	up to 30 years	2	20000+ HRA	As per DST Norms
Data Entry Operator	up to 30 years	1	20000	Consolidated without any allowances
Security Supervisor	up to 25 years	2	20000	Consolidated without any allowances

Note:

- The HRA will be admissible as per the classification of the Rajkot city (Class Y).
- The increment rate will be as per DST norms.

Age Relaxation:

This is relaxable for SC/ ST candidate for a maximum period of Five years. In the case of OBC candidates it is relaxable upto maximum period of Three years. In the case of Persons with Disabilities (PwBD) candidates, this is relaxable upto maximum period of Ten years for General category, Thirteen years for OBC category and Fifteen years for SC/ST category candidates.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:		
Research Scientist C (Medical)	Essential Qualifications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Post graduate degree (MD/MS/DNB) with one-year R&D/teaching experience or Postgraduate diploma in medical subjects with two years R&D/Teaching experience in the required subject from recognized university <p>OR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> MBBS degree recognized by MCI or equivalent degree from recognized University with 4 (four) years R&D/Teaching experience in the relevant subject after MBBS Degree
	Desirable Qualification	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Post-doctoral research / training experience in viral outbreak diagnosis as evidenced by scientific publication. Knowledge of Computer Applications or Business Intelligence tools / Data Management.
	Job Description	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Real time assessment of any viral outbreak if occur in Gujarat Coordination with state health personal in control measurement of any viral outbreak. Ensuring the proper sample collection and its transportation by health workers in case of laboratory investigation of any viral outbreak in Gujarat Routine diagnosis of all viral infections whose facilities are available in VRDL. Conducting trainings and workshops for medical colleges of Gujarat. Participating in research projects sanctioned. Writing new research projects and working on it. <p>Completion of any other work assigned by PI and Co-PI for smooth functioning of VRDL.</p>

Research Scientist C (Non-Medical)	Essential Qualifications	<p>Ph.D. in Microbiology / Biochemistry / Biotechnology /Molecular Biology/ Life Science.</p> <p>or</p> <p>First class master's degree (M.Sc./M.Tech) in Microbiology/Biotechnology/ Biochemistry/ Molecular Biology/ Life science with the relevant subjects from a recognized university with 05years research experience in the relevant subject after 1st class masters degree.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>2nd class M.Sc. + Ph.D degree in relevant subject from a recognized university.</p>
	Desirable Qualification	<p>i. Ph.D. candidates with research thesis work on infectious diseases supported by at least three original research publication in PUBMED indexed journal will be given preferences.</p> <p>ii. Any Post -doctoral research / past experience in Viral infectious disease diagnosis, epidemiological studies will be given preference.</p> <p>iii. Working experience of tissue culture / virus harvesting / cell line maintenance / viral gene expression study/ genetic basis of viral pathogenesis / viral diagnostic genetic marker.</p> <p>iv. Knowledge of Computer Applications (Word, Powerpoint, Excel, Sequence phylogenetic analysis software, Business Intelligence tools, Data Management. Working knowledge of molecular bioinformatic tools like Bio edit, BLAST, Primer and Probe designing, phylogenetic analysis and sequence will be preferred.</p>
	Job Description	<p>Real time assessment of any viral outbreak if occur in Gujarat. Ensure the proper sample collection and its transportation by health workers in case of laboratory investigation of any viral outbreak in Gujarat. Ensure timely diagnosis of all viral disease investigation done in the laboratory. Writing of any significant laboratory work for publication in reputed journals. Compilation of laboratory work for half yearly / annual report. Completion of any work assigned by PI and Co-PI in smooth functioning of VRDL.</p>

Research Scientist B (Non-Medical)	Essential Qualifications	First class Master's degree in the life sciences from a recognized university. or Second class M.Sc. + Ph.D. degree in the life sciences from a recognized University
	Desirable Qualification	<p>i. Research / training experience in Viral Diagnosis / Infectious disease outbreak diagnosis / field experience of sample collection and transport in viral disease outbreak.</p> <p>ii. Working experience of tissue culture (virus isolation) / cell line maintenance / viral gene expression study/ genetic basis of viral pathogenesis / viral diagnostic genetic marker.</p> <p>iii. At least two original research publications (Published/ accepted) in PUBMED indexed journal will be given preferences.</p> <p>Knowledge of Computer Applications (Word, Powerpoint, Excel, Sequence phylogenetic analysis software, working knowledge of molecular bioinformatic tools like Bio edit, BLAST, Primer and Probe designing, phylogenetic analysis and sequence will be preferred).</p>
	Job Description	Ensure timely diagnosis of all viral disease investigation done in the laboratory. Maintenance of all documentation in terms of inventory / log book / SOP/ raising demand for any equipment / chemical/ plasticware / glassware / kits. Completion of any work assigned by PI and Co-PI in smooth functioning of VRDL
Research Assistant	Essential Qualifications	Graduate in Science/relevant subject from a recognized university plus three years' experience from a recognized institution or master degree in science/relevant subject

	Desirable Qualification	1-year experience in diagnostic Microbiology/ Molecular Diagnosis laboratory Working knowledge of Computer application (Word / Power point / Excel).
	Job Description	Perform all viral disease investigation received in the laboratory. Ensure timely diagnosis of all viral disease investigation done in the laboratory. Maintenance of all documentation in terms of inventory / log book / SOP/ raising demand for any item required. Completion of any work assigned by PI, Co-PI, Scientist in smooth functioning of VRDL.
Lab. Technician	Essential Qualifications	12th pass in science subject and two years diploma in medical laboratory technician OR one year DMLT plus one year required experience from a in recognized organization in field/laboratory.
	Desirable Qualification	working experience in clinical microbiology laboratory testing

	Job Description	Perform all viral disease investigation received in the laboratory. Ensure timely diagnosis of all viral disease investigation done in the laboratory. Maintenance of all documentation (inventory / log book / SOP/ raising demand for any equipment /chemical / plasticware / glassware / kits).
Data Entry Operator	Essential Qualifications	Intermediate or 12th pass in science stream from recognized board with DOEACC 'A' level from a recognized institute and/or 2 years' experience in EDP work in Government, Autonomous PSU or any other recognized organization. A speed test of not less than 15000 key depressions per hour through speed test on computer
	Desirable Qualification	Desirable: 1-year degree or diploma in Basic computer knowledge of word / Excel / Power point. Working experience of two years. Knowledge of Statistics
	Job Description	Entering various data generated in laboratory All office work related to VRDL laboratory.

Security Supervisor	Essential Qualifications	High school or Equivalent.
	Desirable Qualification	<input type="checkbox"/> Ex-servicemen or retired personnel from Central/State Police Services or paramilitary forces with experience in supervision of security services. <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2 years' experience in security management at a healthcare institution, government office, or large-scale research/academic establishment. <input type="checkbox"/> Familiarity with access control protocols, handling visitor entry, managing security registers, and coordination with law enforcement agencies. <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to monitor CCTV, ensure perimeter security, and maintain discipline among security staff. <input type="checkbox"/> Proficiency in basic computer applications and communication skills in Hindi and English.
	Job Description	<p>The Security Supervisor will oversee the security operations of the VRDL and BSL-III facility, ensuring controlled access, staff and visitor movement monitoring, and surveillance through CCTV systems. The role includes managing security personnel, maintaining security records, conducting routine inspections, and coordinating with law enforcement during emergencies. The candidate must be vigilant, disciplined, and capable of enforcing security protocols in a high-containment lab environment.</p>

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Interested candidates satisfying the eligibility criteria can submit their application in the prescribed format (Last two pages of this advertisement) along with the relevant documents at the time of walk-in interview.
- A separate application should be submitted for each post, if applying for more than one post.
- One recent self-signed passport sized color photograph is to be affixed on first page of the proforma format.
- One set of photocopies of self-attested certificates of the following documents must be attached with the application form.:
 - 1) Date of Birth proof
 - 2) Photo ID Proof (PAN Card, Aadhaar, Voter ID, Driving License, etc.) with Date of Birth.
 - 3) Educational qualification- 10th/ 12th/ graduate/ PG degree/ M B B S / M D / M S / D N B / diploma certificate etc as applicable
 - 4) Mark sheets of respective educational qualifications.
 - 5) PhD certificate (if applicable)
 - 6) Registration certificate (if applicable).
 - 7) Experience certificates (if applicable).
- A soft copy of the application along with scanned copies of attachments should simultaneously be sent on E-mail: vrldaiimsrajkot@gmail.com duly mentioning the subject of the E-mail “Application for the post of _____
BSL-3, VRDL, AIIMS, Rajkot”

SELECTION PROCEDURE

- The applications received will be scrutinized by the selection committee.
- Recruitments will be made through written test/Interview
- A written test will be conducted if the post-candidate ratio exceeds 1:6 and the candidate qualifying the written test will only be interviewed.
- Candidates appearing for the interview must possess the above mentioned documents in original at the time of interview.
- Selection is based purely on merit.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- The vacancies mentioned are as per the sanctioning of Department of Health Research (DHR) for Viral Research and Diagnostics Laboratory.
- Those candidates who are employed in Central Govt. /State Govt. /Union Territories/Statutory Bodies/ Research Organizations etc., should send their applications along with N.O.C. through proper channel. However, they may send an advance copy of their application along with requisite documents so as to reach this office on or before the scheduled last date of submission of application.
- Incomplete/unsigned applications, application not submitted in prescribed format and applications without supportive documents asked for, shall be summarily rejected. Qualification and experience should be in relevant discipline/field and from a institution/organization recognized by relevant authority.
- Submission of incorrect or false information during the process of filling of application

form or interview shall disqualify the candidature at any stage.

- No TA/DA will be paid for attending the interview/written test.
- Mere fulfilment of the essential qualification/experience does not guarantee selection. the decision of the selection committee regarding appointment of candidates will be final and no representation will be entertained in this regard.
- Interested and eligible candidates can appear for interview/written test on the dates displayed on the website in due course of time. Interviews will be held after registration and verification of documents. No candidate will be allowed to enter after the scheduled date and time.
- Appointments will be given as per the guidelines of the DHR-ICMR. Any Addendum/Corrigendum in respect of above vacancies, notice shall be issued on Institutional website only.
- Principal Investigator, VRDL, AIIMS, Rajkot reserves all the rights for interpretation of any terms and conditions, or any query/questions arising in this context. The decision of Principal Investigator, VRDL, AIIMS, Rajkot will be final in all the respects.

SERVICE RELATED TERM AND CONDITIONS:

Recruitment on contractual basis on consolidated remuneration for above mentioned posts is as per the guidelines of DHR. The conditions of employment are:

- All the posts are purely temporary and contractual. The engagement will be as per the DHR-ICMR guidelines. The candidate has no right to claim for regular appointment. Selected candidates will not be eligible for any benefits of the permanent employee.
- Selected candidate(s) so appointed will not be entitled for any other financial/non- financial Benefits / facilities, or any special allowances except fixed consolidated emoluments as per the DHR rules and regulations regarding establishment of VRDL.
- The selected candidates should produce willingness certificate/acceptance certificate for all the terms and conditions issued at the time of appointment and should enter the contractual agreement in this regard.
- If the performance of the candidate is not satisfactory during any part of the tenure, the services of the candidate may be terminated with a notice period of 1 month. In case the candidate wishes to leave the contract, they may choose to do so with a notice period of 1 month.
- The appointment may be renewed subject to budget grant from the funding agency, satisfactory performance of the candidate.
- The candidate(s) appointed will not be considered as regular employee of AIIMS, Rajkot/Govt of India, and will not be entitled for any service benefits in this regard. Further, the service of candidate will not be considered as a continuous service at the time of applying/appointment of any other post(s) of the Government of India or AIIMS, Rajkot.
- The candidate appointed shall work as per the duty assigned by the PI, VRDL, AIIMS, Rajkot.
- Selected candidates may have to work in shifts/night duty as and when required. Staff may have to go on field visits and travel outstation for any need under the project.


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APPLICATION FORM

Paste Passport size
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APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF _____ ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS FOR UPGRADATION OF VIRAL RESEARCH AND DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY (VRDL) TO BSL-III LAB UNDER PRIME MINISTER AYUSHMAN BHARAT HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE MISSION (PM-ABHIM), ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, RAJKOT.

Sir,

In response to your advertisement for recruitment of Project positions for upgradation of Viral Research and Diagnostics Laboratory (VRDL) to BSL-3 lab under PM-ABHIM, of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Rajkot I hereby apply for the Post of _____ on Contractual Basis. My Bio-data is given below:

Name of the Candidate (in block letters)			
Father's/ Husband's Name			
Permanent Address			
Road/ Street Name/ Village			
Municipality/ City/ Town			
P.O		P.S	
Distt.		Pin Code	
Contact No (landline)		Mobile No.	
Email Id			
Date of Birth		Age as on 24 July 2025	
Religion		Sex (Male/Female/ others)	
Nationality			
Photo identity Proof (give attested supporting documents)			

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: (Attach attested copies)					
Academic qualifications	Board/ University Name	Name of the stream/Course	From	To	Percentage
10 th					
12 th					
Diploma					
Graduation					
Post Graduation					
Ph D					

Experience Detail: (Attach attested copies)				
Name of Institute/ Organization	Duration From	Duration To	Position Held	Total experience in years

Details of Publication (Vancouver style): Attach Copies of the published Research Work, attach separate sheet if required

S.No.	Details of Publication (Vancouver style):	Indexed/ Non-Indexed	Impact Factor

DECLARATION:

I hereby solemnly declare that the information given in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further undertake that if at any stage it is discovered that an attempt has been made by me, willfully to conceal or misrepresent the facts, my candidatures/appointment shall be summarily rejected or terminated without any notice

Place :

Date :

Signature of candidate

List of Enclosures (Attested Copies):

1. Photo ID Proof (PAN Card, Aadhaar, Voter ID, Driving License, etc.) with Date of Birth.
2. Educational qualification- 10th/12th/ graduate/ PG degree/ diploma certificate as applicable
3. Mark sheets of respective educational qualifications.
4. PhD certificate (if applicable)
5. Registration certificate (if applicable)
6. Experience certificates
7. Research publications (if applicable)
8. NOC Certificate (from present employer)
9. Any other relevant document