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Date: 07.04.2026

Advertisement for the post of Junior Research Fellow (JRF)/ Project Associate-I

Applications are invited from interested candidates for the position of one Junior Research Fellowship/Project Associate on a purely temporary basis to work on the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) funded Advanced Research Grant Project (Ref. No. ANRF/ARG/2025/008985/ENS), Government of India, New Delhi under the supervision of Dr. Somanathan Thirunavukkarasu, Professor, Department of Chemistry, Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS), Pallavaram, Chennai

Project title	: Development of Soft Iontronic Adhesive Tapes using Self-Healing Gel-Elastomer Nanocomposite System for Soft Gripper Applications
Position	: Junior Research Fellow (JRF)/Project Associate - 1
Reference No.	: ANRF/ARG/2025/008985/ENS
Fellowship (as per ANRF norms)	: Rs. 37,000/-pm + 20% HRA for NET or GATE qualified candidates Rs. 33,000// -pm + 20% HRA for candidates having two years' research or industrial experience Rs.30,000/-pm + 20% HRA for non-NET or GATE qualified candidates
Duration	: 3 Years
Qualifications	: M.Sc/M.Tech (Chemistry /Materials Science/ Nanoscience and Nanotechnology/Polymer Science and Engineering) with first class.

How to apply

Interested and eligible candidates may send the applications, including a cover letter and curriculum vitae (Max. 4 Pages) with detailed information about the educational qualifications (10th class onwards) and research experience to the Principal Investigator, Dr. T. Somanathan Professor, Department of Chemistry, School of Basic Sciences, Vels Institute of Science Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS), Pallavaram, Chennai – 600117, India, through an email: soma.sbs@vistas.ac.in on or before 28th April 2026.

Only shortlisted candidates will be informed via email and called for an interview through offline mode. The selected candidate should be ready to join the project immediately. No TA/DA is admissible for attending the interview. The initial tenure of the project is for one year and is extendable for two more years. The position is purely temporary and co-terminus with the project. Selected candidate may be considered for admission to Ph.D. Program as a regular full-time scholar at VISTAS, Chennai as per the Institute norms. Further details or queries, the candidates are advised to contact the PI.

Note:

This is a collaborative joint research project between SSNCE and VISTAS, with one JRF position available at each institution. Candidates applying to SSNCE should send their CV to Dr. A. M. Shanmugharaj (shanmugharajam@ssn.edu.in). Candidates applying to VISTAS should send their CV to Dr. T. Somanathan (soma.sbs@vistas.ac.in)

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