

RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION – SCIENTIST POSITIONS
DEPARTMENT OF ANTIVIRAL DRUG RESEARCH

Institute of Advanced Virology (IAV) is an autonomous institution under Department of Science & Technology, Government of Kerala, focusing on cutting-edge research initiatives in the field of Virology. IAV envisions to function through the eight departments in specific areas of Virology, and to strengthen the research activities, we seek extremely dynamic and committed scientists for appointment to the following position on a direct recruitment basis:

Name of the position	Scientist C
Upper Age limit	40 years
Department	Antiviral Drug Research
Payscale	Level 11 (67,700-2,08,700)
Number of vacancies	1 (One)
Essential Qualifications	• Three-year Master's degree in Medical/Dental Sciences (MD/DNB/MDS); or PhD in life sciences. • First-author/Corresponding author original research publication/s (other than systematic reviews) in pathogen drug discovery in PubMed/SCI-indexed peer-reviewed journals of repute.
Essential Experience	• 3 years of documented research experience in biomedical research in reputed national or international research organizations after obtaining the qualifying degree prescribed for the position.
Desirable qualifications	• Experience as an independent Principal Investigator in externally funded projects (ongoing/completed)

General Conditions & Instructions:

- The applicant shall be a citizen of India.
- Last date of submission of application: **May 15, 2026; 5.00 p.m.**
- Date for determining the eligibility of all candidates in all aspects, including age, shall be the prescribed closing date for submission of online applications, i.e., 15th May 2026.
- The application has to be submitted through online mode only as per the instructions given on the website. Incomplete applications and applications not supported by relevant documents as claimed in the application will be summarily rejected.
- Candidates already working under the Central Govt./State Govt./Public Sector Undertakings/ Autonomous Bodies should submit their applications through the proper channel. They may, however, send an advance copy of the application.
- Those who are unable to forward their application through the proper channel have to produce the No Objection Certificate from the current employer at the time of the interview.
- An application fee of ₹ 1,500/- to be remitted through SB Collect (as per the steps given at the end). Separate fee has to be submitted if applying for multiple positions. Applications submitted without fees shall not be considered. Application fee once paid will not be refunded or readjusted under any circumstances.
- Application, once submitted, will be treated as final, and additions/alterations will not be permitted. Claims made after submitting the applications will not be considered under any circumstances.
- All applications will be screened by a duly constituted screening committee.
- Only applications submitted in the prescribed format, and of those candidates meeting all the *essential* qualifications, supported with documentary evidence, will be considered for shortlisting.
- The Institute may, at its discretion, carry out the verification of the genuineness of the documents provided.
- The prescribed qualifications and experience are the minimum, and the mere possession of the same does not entitle candidates to be called for further selection process.
- Where the number of applications received in response to the advertisement is large, the Institute reserves the right to restrict the number of candidates to be called for the selection process to a reasonable limit, based on the prescribed desirable qualifications and experience. The decision of the Institute in this regard shall be final.

- Shortlisted candidates will be called for an in-person interview and personality assessment by a duly constituted selection committee.
- No interim enquiries/correspondence/communication will be entertained during the selection procedure.
- The decision by the selection committee will be final and binding.
- Canvassing in any manner would entail the disqualification of the candidature.
- The pay and allowances applicable for the posts are currently as per 7th CPC norms, which are regulated as per the instructions of the Government of Kerala from time to time.
- The Institute reserves the right to regularise/modify the pay scales or other service conditions, if found necessary later on, due to any change in the policy as decided by the Governing Council of the Institute or the Government of Kerala.
- The Director, IAV reserves the right to decide on the number of positions to be filled; and on any matter related to the selection procedure, including cancellation of the selection process, if circumstances demand so.
- The decision of the Institute in all matters related to this notification shall be final, and legal disputes, if any, shall be settled under the Court of Law within its jurisdiction at Thiruvananthapuram.
- Eligible candidates may apply through the given link on the institute's website.

Steps to make payment through SB Collect

Login in to:	https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm
Select	Educational Institutions
Select	Institute of Advanced Virology
Select	APPLICATION FEE FOR SCIENTIST
Make payment for	Rs.1,500/-

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Director