



INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR GENETIC ENGINEERING AND
BIOTECHNOLOGY (ICGEB)

DIRECTOR, ICGEB NEW DELHI COMPONENT

The ICGEB invites applications for the position of Director of its Component in New Delhi. ICGEB is an intergovernmental Organisation established in 1987 within the United Nations system, to provide the scientific community with a centre of excellence for research and training in genetic engineering and biotechnology to the benefit of developing countries. The Centre, currently supported by 66 Member States, operates through three Components in Trieste, Italy, New Delhi, India and Cape Town, South Africa. The New Delhi Component was established in 1988 to provide a hub for advanced research and training and to address critical problems of the developing world in the fields of health and agriculture through the application of genetic engineering and biotechnology.

The ICGEB New Delhi Component currently comprises research groups focusing on Molecular Medicine, Plant Biology and Integrative Biology covering a wide range of areas including malaria, tuberculosis, dengue, chikungunya, covid-19 and other emerging infections, plant molecular biology, agricultural biotechnology, crop improvement and biotic and abiotic stresses, the development of recombinant gene products, structural and computational biology, synthetic biology and biofuels. The relevant Host Country contribution, which constitutes the core funding for the Component, is provided by the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India and will ensure further expansion of the Component in the years to come, through the establishment of new international research groups and through maintaining state-of-art scientific infrastructure.

The Director of ICGEB New Delhi will be of international scientific standing with extensive experience of performing top class science in diverse international environments, and will combine academic excellence, impeccable reputation, demonstrated institutional leadership and management expertise, and close familiarity with India's biotechnology context and academic programmes, with a proven capacity to network across the international stakeholder community, to identify new and upcoming areas of research within the mandate of ICGEB, and to raise additional funds. An active, well-funded, personal research programme pursued in one of the focus areas of ICGEB is also essential. The incumbent will establish effective interactions with governments of ICGEB Member States, other international institutions, and the scientific community worldwide, while demonstrating experience in translating scientific research into innovation and commercialisation.

The post is full-time and will be offered as a 5-year contract, renewable subject to performance, and will foresee an attractive salary package within the United Nations Common System at a level commensurate with the incumbent's qualifications and experience, including participation in an international pension fund and health insurance.

Further details about the ICGEB and about the position are available at the following URLs: <http://www.icgeb.org> and <http://www.icgeb.org/vacancies.htm>

Applications should be sent by 31 December 2021 to: ICGEB – Personnel Unit, Padriciano, 99 – 34149, Trieste – Italy – Tel.: +39-0403757307

Fax: +39-0403757379, E-mail: recruitment.ts@icgeb.org. Depending upon the adequacy of the applications received by the closing date, ICGEB reserves the right to extend the date for further periods, which will be notified through its website and other means of media communications. The candidates short-listed by the Council of Scientific Advisors (CSA) of ICGEB will visit the Component located in New Delhi, interact with the Group Leaders to ascertain their current research programmes and deliver a seminar (which should be approximately 40 minutes of the candidate's research and 15 minutes of the candidate's vision for the Component). The final selection will be based on overall evaluation and the interviews by a panel from the CSA.

Please quote reference PU/TS/10-21 and provide full CV and list of publications, together with a one-page condensed biosketch, a letter of motivation and contact information for at least three referees.



JOB DESCRIPTION

- POST TITLE:** Director, ICGEB New Delhi Component
- DUTY STATION:** New Delhi, India
- DATE REQUIRED:** 1 January 2023
- DURATION:** Five years
- LEVEL:** Attractive salary package and allowances commensurate with the post, qualification and past experiences.
- PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Implementation of the work programme of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB)
- DUTIES:** Under the overall supervision of the Director-General, the Director, New Delhi Component will be the chief scientific and administrative officer of the Component.
- The Director will be required specifically to:
- implement and guide research, training and other activities at the Component, including general supervision of the work of the scientific and administrative staff;
 - Act as the representative of ICGEB in the Asian region, including promoting the active participation of member governments, sector members, associates and academia in the work of ICGEB.
 - lead a successful research team/project in the domain of the activities of the Centre, at the highest international level;
 - promote fund-raising activities to ensure sustainability and expansion of the New Delhi Component, including initiatives to guarantee proper visibility of the activity of the Component world-wide;
 - in coordination with the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India, prepare medium- and long-term research and training objectives, including budgetary allocation and proposals for action, aimed at ensuring that the New Delhi Component becomes one of the driving forces of Asia's research agenda in the field of biotechnology;
 - under the overall supervision of the Director-General and according to the rules and regulations of the ICGEB, be responsible for the arrangement and management of the financial resources allocated for activities to be implemented

by the New Delhi Component and the recruitment of well-qualified scientific and general service staff, and any consultants necessary for the operation of the Component;

- recommend to the Director-General any action pertaining to the establishment and operation of the ICGEB Affiliated Centres and Regional Research Centres, including the initiation of co-operative research and training programmes between the New Delhi Component and Affiliated Centres and Regional Research Centres in Member States, in particular within Asia;
- be responsible for liaising with the Indian Government on all matters pertaining to the establishment and smooth operation of the Component, including scientific and general infrastructure;
- upon request by the Director-General, undertake other actions to promote the objectives of the Centre.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Being an active scientist of high international standing, of unblemished reputation, and commanding respect in the scientific and technological fields of the Centre;
 - having extensive experience in the management of a scientific centre of international calibre and proven track record of leading a multidisciplinary team of scientists, including the successful translation of scientific research towards innovation and/or commercialisation;
- having a strong track record of leading a very successful international research team of scientists in and outside of the Indian subcontinent and able to attract international scientists for regular positions at the New Delhi Component;
- being skilled in conducting effective interactions with governments of ICGEB Member States, other international institutions and the scientific community worldwide;
 - understanding the requirements of the Indian, as well as the Regional, bio-economy strategic thrust, and the relevant administrative elements thereof;
 - having close familiarity with Asia's biotechnology context: challenges, requirements and regional objectives, with a proven capacity to network across the international stakeholder community, including the scientific and political domains;
 - having substantial (minimum 20 years) previous experience in the leadership and management of major international and regional programmes is an asset.

LANGUAGE:

English. Other languages would be an asset.