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**ARYABHATTA RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF OBSERVATIONAL SCIENCES (ARIES)
MANORA PEAK, NAINITAL (UTTARAKHAND)**

(An Autonomous Research Institute of the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India)

Call for applications/nominations for appointment to the post of Director

Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), Nainital (Uttarakhand) is one of the leading research Institutes which specializes in observational Astronomy & Astrophysics and Atmospheric Sciences. The main research interests of Astronomy & Astrophysics division are in solar, planetary, stellar, galactic and extra-galactic astronomy including stellar variabilities, X-ray binaries, star clusters, nearby galaxies, quasars and inherently transient events like supernovae and highly energetic gamma-ray bursts. Research focus in Atmospheric Sciences division is mainly in the lower part of the atmosphere and covers the studies on aerosols and trace gases (<https://www.aries.res.in>).

ARIES invites applications from eligible individuals / nominations from eminent academic persons like fellows of prestigious National Science Academies, Directors of National R&D laboratories and Vice-Chancellors of Universities etc. for the post of Director, who will be an Indian National. The ideal candidate will be a dynamic leader with substantial experience and achievements in the area of astronomy/astrophysics/physics, capable to fulfill the objectives of the institute and dedicated to these fields of research in the country. The Director will be appointed after obtaining the approval of the Competent Authority based on the recommendations made by a Search-cum-Selection Committee.

A. Name of the post: Director

B. Scale of Pay: Pay Level-16 HAG Scale as per the 7th CPC.

C. Mode of Recruitment: Recruitment for the post of Director shall be made by any of the following method(s):

- By Direct Recruitment
- By Deputation, including Short-Term Contract
- By re-employment

D. Tenure: 3 to 5 years or on attaining the age of superannuation as per extant Government instructions (60 years at present), whichever is earlier. For direct recruitment, the probation period for this post is one year.

The tenure / deputation / contract period can be extended, on recommendations of the Governing Council, by Central Government as per the extant instruction / procedure laid down by Govt. of India as amended from time to time.

However, extensions beyond the age of 60 years can be granted only by Central Govt. on the recommendations of Governing Council and as per the Govt. instructions issued from time to time.

E. Age Limit: Not exceeding 56 years as on 01st January, 2024.

F. Educational and other Qualifications:

Essential: Doctorate in Astronomy/Astrophysics/Physics.

Desirable:

- i. Post – doctoral research
- ii. Original published work of high standard
- iii. Evidence of high professional eminence by way of recognitions like fellowship of academics, national / international awards in science, etc.

G. Experience

1. For Direct Recruitment

Essential:

(a) At least 22 years of experience in R&D in industrial and academic institutions and/or Science and Technology organizations or as faculty/scientist of recognized national/international universities/research institutes/corporate R&D Labs etc., out of which at least 5 years should be in managerial/administrative capacity for science & technology programmes, planning and development, budget & finance, coordination and such organizational matters.

(b) R&D experience in the areas of Astronomy & Astrophysics and related subjects.

2. For Deputation / Contract

In case of Recruitment by Deputation / Contract: Scientists or Technologists working in the Central/State Governments/Universities/Recognized Research Institutions/ Semi-Government, Statutory or Autonomous Organizations in India,

(a)

(i) holding analogous post; or

(ii) 2 years regular service at Scientist 'H' level in Pay Level 15 or equivalent or

(iii) 6 years regular service in the post carrying pay in the Pay Level 14 or equivalent

(b) Possessing the above mentioned essential educational qualifications as mentioned above.

H. Job Description

(a) The Director will have the overall administrative control of the Institute and will provide high-level leadership to the Institute in identification of research programmes and projects of national and international relevance in various specialized fields of the research undertaken by the institute. He/She will enthuse and motivate scientists of the institute; promote creativity and excellence and create an atmosphere conducive to harmonious functioning of the Institute. He/She will interact and establish rapport with national and international, academic and professional institutions and specialists dealing with the domain area of research undertaken by the Institute and will ensure multi-disciplinary and multi-institutional cooperation towards fulfillment of the objectives of the institute.

(b) As per the Bye-laws of the Institute as amended from time to time.

I. Application/Nomination Process

By Post: In case of direct applications, the information in the attached formats I and II given below should be sent by post to "Registrar, Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), Manora Peak, Nainital Uttarakhand, India, 263001", so as to reach this address by **19th February, 2024**.

For the candidates (including nominations) from Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Ladakh Division of Jammu and Kashmir State, Lahaul and Spiti District and Pangi Sub Division of Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep, the last date of receipt of applications will be **05th March, 2024**.

Nominations: In case of nominations, the eminent persons nominating a candidate may forward the Nominee's application /curriculum vitae along with recommendations, consent of the nominee and duly attested photocopies of Doctorate and Master's degree certificates in support of qualifications and experience by post so as to reach the above address by **19th February, 2024**.

Persons employed in Government Departments, Autonomous Organizations and Public Sector Undertakings, should arrange to send their applications through proper channel along with No Objection Certificate/ Cadre Clearance, Vigilance / Integrity Certificate. They may, however, send an advance copy so as to meet the time deadline mentioned above. The candidates may clearly specify the preferred mode of appointment viz. either by Direct Recruitment or by Deputation or either one of these two. In case of appointment on Direct Recruitment basis, the candidate would be required to furnish consent for technical resignation from his/ her substantive post in the parent organization.

Self-attested photocopies of certificates in support of qualifications and experience should be sent with the application. Please **do not send originals**. The envelope containing the application must be superscribed with "**Application for the post of Director, ARIES, Nainital, Uttarakhand**".

Registrar, ARIES

FORMAT I
FORMAT FOR APPLICATION

Latest Passport size photograph to be pasted

1. Name in full (in block letters):.....
2. Father's Name:
3. Mother's Name:
4. Present position:.....
5. Communication/ Postal address:.....
6. E-mail address:.....
7. Phone Number (Mobile & Landline):.....
8. Date of Birth as on 01st January, 2024:.....
9. Place of Birth:.....
10. Do you belong to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe or OBC:.....
11. Permanent Address:.....
12. Educational Qualifications indicating chronologically the examinations passed from Bachelor's onwards:.....
13. Your Present Employment details:
 - (a) Present Designation
 - (b) Present Pay Scale/Level/Pay Band/ Current Basic Pay
 - (c) Nature of Current employment (Permanent/deputation/contract)
 - (d) Name & Address of the present Organization
 - (e) Ministry under which present organization comes:
14. Experience (give in chronological order details of your employment)
 - a. (Full name & address of the office/institute/organization, Post(s) held, period (from. to...))
 - b. Pay scale/Pay level, Basic pay/Total emoluments, whether permanent/on probation, deputation/contract, Reasons for leaving the post)
15. List of the following:
 - i) Details of awards/recognitions/honours/fellowships of prestigious academics
 - ii) List the memberships of Professional Bodies
 - iii) List of Patents awarded/granted
 - iv) List of books/Publications, citations received till the date of application, h-index etc

16. Details of projects implemented (completed/in progress):.....

17. Give a summary of important research work done by you and done under your guidance separately.

18. Give a summary of R&D experience, specifically guiding innovation based value addition, business development and scouting and documentation of innovations:.....

19. Experience in managerial/administrative capacity for Science & Technology programmes, planning and development, budget & finance, coordination and such organisational matters :.....

20. Any other information which you would like to share:.....

21. Declaration:

I hereby certify that the foregoing information is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have not suppressed any material fact or factual information in the above statements. In case, I have given wrong information, or suppressed any material fact or factual information, then my services are liable to be terminated without giving any notice or reasons thereof. I am not aware of any circumstances which might impair my fitness for employment under the Government.

Signature of the candidate

Date:

Place:

Format-II

Format for Short Curriculum Vitae

(Not to exceed 2-pages of A4 size in Times New Roman font of size 12 in single spacing)

- 1 Name and Address
- 2 Date of Birth and age in years and months as on 01st January, 2024
- 3 Qualifications
(mention degree, Institution and the year awarded)
- 4 Present post
- 5 Present pay
(Pay Matrix Level as per VII CPC/
Pay Band & Grade Pay as per VI
CPC)
- 6 Experience (Indicate the post, Institution and dates during which each post was held; also indicate separately (a) the total number of the years of R&D experience after Master's Degree including the Ph.D. period and (b) total number of years of other experience).
- 7 Number of publications in refereed Journals, books, book chapters, number of Ph.Ds produced, citations received till 30.11.2023, h-index
- 8 Honours and Awards
- 9 Fellowships of National and International Academies, Memberships of Professional Societies
- 10 Additional relevant information if any

Date :

(Signature of Applicant/Nominee)