

Notification No. PS - 07/2026 Dated 03.07.2026

INTERVIEW FOR THE ENGAGEMENT OF PROJECT PERSONNEL ON TEMPORARY BASIS

- Date of Commencement of Online Application: 03.07.2026 from 09.00 AM onwards.
- Last date for Submission of Online Application: 13.07.2026 up to 05.00 PM.

CSIR-Central Electrochemical Research Institute (CSIR-CECRI), Karaikudi is a premier institute working under the aegis of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) an autonomous body functions under Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR), Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India.

CSIR-CECRI desires to engage talented candidates as **Project Scientist - III, Research Associate - I and Project Scientist - I** on temporary basis in various CSIR/Externally Funded projects tenable at CSIR-CECRI, Karaikudi and CECRI Chennai Unit as per qualification, age, emoluments, etc., detailed in the table below:

Details of Positions:

Sl. No	Name of the Position	Abbreviation	No of positions
1.	Project Scientist - III	PS-III	01
2.	Research Associate - I	RA-I	01
3.	Project Scientist - I	PS-I	08
Total number of positions			10

I. Subject Code: S-01 Chemistry / Chemical Science

Position	Essential & Desirable qualification	Project No	Upper age Limit	Stipend (Per month in Rs.)
PS-III	Ph.D in Chemistry or equivalent with 7 years R&D experience.	GAP 08/2025	45 Years	₹ 78,000/- + HRA
RA-I	Ph.D in Chemical Science or equivalent Desirable: Experience in electrocatalyst synthesis, characterizations and water splitting applications.	GAP 11/2026	35 Years	₹ 58,000/- + HRA [As per DST guideline]
PS-I	Ph.D in Chemical Science or equivalent with 4 years R&D experience. Desirable: Experience in Batteries (Li-ion, Na-ion, Metal-air, Solid State), Fuel cells and Hydrogen energy systems, Green hydrogen generation, Corrosion Science and Protective Coating, Electroplating and Electrometallurgy, Electrocatalysis, Electrochemical Sensors, Electro-Organic synthesis and Carbon Capture & Utilization.	MLP002606	35 Years	₹ 56,000/- + HRA

II. Subject Code: S-02 Physics / Physical Science / Material Science / Nanotechnology

Position	Essential & Desirable qualification	Project No	Upper age Limit	Stipend (Per month in Rs.)
PS-III	Ph.D in Physics/ Nanotechnology or equivalent with 7 years R&D experience. (or) M.E/M.Tech in Nanotechnology or equivalent with 7 years R&D experience.	GAP 08/2025	45 Years	₹ 78,000/- + HRA
RA-I	Ph.D in Physical Science/ Material Science or equivalent Desirable: Experience in Electrocatalyst synthesis, characterizations and water splitting applications.	GAP 11/2026	35 Years	₹ 58,000/- + HRA [As per DST guideline]
PS-I	Ph.D in Physical Science/ Material Science or equivalent with 4 years R&D experience. Desirable: Experience in Batteries (Li-ion, Na-ion, Metal-air, Solid State), Fuel cells and Hydrogen energy systems, Green hydrogen generation, Corrosion Science and Protective Coating, Electroplating and Electrometallurgy, Electrocatalysis, Electrochemical Sensors, Electro-Organic synthesis and Carbon Capture & Utilization.	MLP002606	35 Years	₹ 56,000/- + HRA

III. Subject Code: S-03 Biotechnology / Biology

Position	Essential & Desirable qualification	Project No	Upper age Limit	Stipend (Per month in Rs.)
PS-III	Ph.D in Biotechnology / Biology or equivalent with 7 years R&D experience. (or) M.E/M.Tech in Biotechnology or equivalent with 7 years R&D experience.	GAP 08/2025	45 Years	₹ 78,000/- + HRA

IV. Subject Code: S-04 Chemical Engineering

Position	Essential & Desirable qualification	Project No	Upper age Limit	Stipend (Per month in Rs.)
PS-III	M.E/M.Tech in Chemical Engineering or equivalent with 7 years R&D experience.	GAP 08/2025	45 Years	₹ 78,000/- + HRA

Position	Essential & Desirable qualification	Project No	Upper age Limit	Stipend (Per month in Rs.)
PS-I	M.E/M.Tech in Chemical Engineering or equivalent with 4 years R&D experience. Desirable: Experience in Batteries (Li-ion, Na-ion, Metal-air, Solid State), Fuel cells and Hydrogen energy systems, Green hydrogen generation, Corrosion Science and Protective Coating, Electroplating and Electrometallurgy, Electrocatalysis, Electrochemical Sensors, Electro-Organic synthesis and Carbon Capture & Utilization.	MLP002606	35 Years	₹ 56,000/- + HRA

V. Subject Code: S-05 Mechanical Engineering

Position	Essential & Desirable qualification	Project No	Upper age Limit	Stipend (Per month in Rs.)
PS-III	M.E/M.Tech in Mechanical Engineering or equivalent with 7 years R&D experience.	GAP 08/2025	45 Years	₹ 78,000/- + HRA
PS-I	M.E/M.Tech in Mechanical Engineering or equivalent with 4 years R&D experience. Desirable: Experience in Batteries (Li-ion, Na-ion, Metal-air, Solid State), Fuel cells and Hydrogen energy systems, Green hydrogen generation, Corrosion Science and Protective Coating, Electroplating and Electrometallurgy, Electrocatalysis, Electrochemical Sensors, Electro-Organic synthesis and Carbon Capture & Utilization.	MLP002606	35 Years	₹ 56,000/- + HRA

General Terms & Conditions:

1. How to apply:

- Eligible candidates are required to apply ONLINE only through CSIR-CECRI website. The link for submission of ONLINE APPLICATION will be available on the CSIR-CECRI's website from **03.07.2026 (09.00 AM) to 13.07.2026 (05.00 PM)**. Thereafter, the online link will be automatically disabled. **No other mode of application will be accepted.**
- Candidates are advised to submit Online Application Form well in advance without waiting for the last date/ time. CSIR-CECRI will not responsible for non-submission of application for any reason whatsoever.
- Candidates who have already registered in the online application portal for previous recruitment notifications may use their existing login credentials to access their account and apply for the eligible subject code. Such candidates need not register again.

- d. Candidates applying through the portal for the first time are advised to click on “New Registration” and register using a valid email ID. After successful registration, candidates should log in using the registered email ID and password, create their profile by providing all the necessary information, and apply for the eligible post. Candidates are also required to upload necessary certificates/documents in support of caste, educational qualification, experience, etc.
- e. Candidates are advised to carefully verify all the details before final submission, as no changes or modifications can be made once the application is submitted.
- f. Candidates who wish to apply for more than one position may select the eligible position(s) displayed in the portal upon selection of the respective subject code.
- g. If the candidate is already working in CSIR-CECRI or any other CSIR labs, a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the competent authority/Project Leader / HOD is mandatory to submit at the time of interview.
- h. In the absence of a Degree Certificate, a Provisional certificate along with the mark sheets pertaining to the degree shall be considered.
- i. If a candidate claims a qualification as equivalent to the Essential Qualification prescribed in the advertisement, the candidate shall produce an order/letter indicating the authority (with number and date) under which such equivalence has been recognized. Failing this, the application is liable to be rejected.
- j. Candidates should indicate in the application form whether any of their blood/close relatives are working in CSIR Headquarters or any other National Labs. Institutes of CSIR.
- k. Incomplete applications or applications not accompanied by the required certificates/documents will be summarily rejected.
- l. Candidates can email send email to cecrecruit@gmail.com, in case of any queries or issue/ error encountered during the time of application.

2. **Mode of Interview:**

- a) The interview will be conducted in **Hybrid mode** (Both offline and online).
- b) Candidates shall choose their preferred mode of interview i.e., either online or offline, while submitting the online application. Candidates who face genuine difficulties in attending the interview in person at Karaikudi due to travel from other States or distant districts may opt for the Online mode of interview.
- c) Requests for change of interview mode will not be entertained unless supported by valid reasons and documentary evidence.

3. **Date of Interview:**

- a) **The date(s) of interview will be notified separately** along with the list of shortlisted and non-shortlisted candidates after completion of the screening process.
- b) The link for attending the interview online will be sent by email only to shortlisted online candidates.

4. **Age Relaxation:**

The relaxation in upper age limit for candidates belonging to SC/ST/PwBD/Women categories shall be 05 years and for OBC candidates shall be 03 years or as per Government of India instructions issued from time to time

5. If all things are equal, SC/ST/OBC/EWS Candidates may be given preference over General Candidates to ensure due representation.

6. **Final Semester/Year students who are awaiting results are not eligible to be considered.**
7. The crucial date for determining educational qualifications, age and experience shall be the last date prescribed for submission of online applications, i.e., **13.07.2026.**
8. The period of experience in a discipline/area of work, wherever prescribed, shall be counted after the date of acquiring the minimum educational qualifications prescribed for that post.
9. In case a large number of candidates turn up, the candidates will be shortlisted for interview as per criteria fixed by the duly constituted Committee. The committee may adopt any one or more of the following criteria to restrict the number of candidates attending the interview to a reasonable number.
 - i. On the basis of percentage of marks obtained in the essential qualification.
 - ii. On the basis of higher educational qualifications than the minimum prescribed qualification for each post.
 - iii. On the basis of desirable qualification/experience.
 - iv. Any other methodology as deemed fit by the Committee.
10. In case of Universities/Institutes awarding CGPA/SGPA/OGPA Grades etc., candidates are requested to convert the same into percentage based on the formula as per their University/Institute (copy of documented proof of the conversion factor may be attached).
11. Number of Positions required is indicative in nature; there may be an increase/decrease in the number based on requirement (s).
12. Candidates selected will be provided either accommodation in the Institute Campus (if available) or shall be paid HRA (as applicable).
13. No TA/DA will be paid to candidates for attending the interview or for reporting for duty upon selection.
14. Tenure mentioned above in any case will be co-terminus with the project or till such time this requirement exists whichever is earlier.

Note: As per CSIR OM No. 5-1(342)/2017-PD dated 02.09.2024, engagement of Project Staff shall be co-terminus with the term of the Project subject to the condition that the total period of the engagement of a Project Staff in different projects either in the same Lab/Instt. Or different Lab/Instt. of CSIR taken together shall not exceed 6 years in any case. Hence, the applicants who have completed the total tenure of 6 years in any of the CSIR Lab/Instt. As Project Staff are NOT ELIGIBLE to apply for the aforesaid positions.
15. The engagement of Project Personnel is purely temporary in nature. The selected candidates may be engaged initially for a period of six months /one year/ the duration of the project, depending upon the project requirements. The tenure of engagement may be extended or curtailed based on the project requirements, availability of funds, satisfactory performance, conduct of the appointee, or any other administrative reasons. Such engagement does not confer any right or claim, explicit or implicit, for regular appointment, absorption, continuation, or extension of service in CSIR-CECRI.
16. If it is found at any stage of the process or thereafter that the candidate does not fulfill the eligibility criteria their candidature shall be cancelled without assigning any reason whatsoever.
17. Filling up of the positions is solely at the discretion of the Director, CSIR-CECRI, Karaikudi based on suitability of candidates and no claim will arise for engagement, if some of these positions are not filled due to unsuitability / insufficient number of candidates. The decision of the Director, CSIR-CECRI, Karaikudi will be final and binding on all candidates and on all matters relating to eligibility, acceptance or rejection of the applications mode of selection, cancellation of the selection process either in part or full, etc.

18. The waitlist of project personnel may be prepared for future requirements, if any.
19. Canvassing in any form and/or bringing any influence political or otherwise will be treated as a disqualification for the posts.
20. Any queries regarding engagement of Project Personnel may contact office numbers - **04565 - 241219/218** during office hours (09:00 A.M. to 05:30 P.M.) or send an email to **cecrecruit@gmail.com**. No calls/ mails will be entertained other than the above-mentioned office telephone numbers/email id.
21. Candidates are advised to regularly visit the official website of CSIR-CECRI (**<https://www.cecri.res.in/>**) for any addendum/corrigendum or updated information regarding this.

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Section Officer(R&C)

