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Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications
O/o Sr DDG NCCS, Bengaluru

Dated: 13/05/2024

-NOTIFICATION-

Subject: - Engagement of Research Associate as per 'NCCS Research Associate Scheme'

National Centre for Communications Security (NCCS), Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Govt of India intends to engage **8 (Eight)** Research Associates under its 'NCCS Research Associate Scheme' for which applications are invited from eligible candidates/Students from the recognised universities/colleges in India. The place of posting will be Bengaluru, India.

1. Vacancy mentioned is as per the current requirement and may vary based on the actual requirement at the time of Final selection.
2. The terms and conditions of the engagement are as stipulated in NCCS Scheme. (Copy Enclosed). The selection process is provided in Annexure II of the Scheme. The specific areas with expected outcome for the above are given in Annexure - V of the Scheme.
3. Essential qualifications for eligibility are Bachelor Degree in Electronics/ Communications/ Telecommunications/ Information Technology/ Computers/ Electrical Engineering (with majors in electronics/communications/computers) or related discipline with minimum 60% marks or equivalent CGPA. For desirable qualifications refer Section 2.2 of the Scheme.
4. Candidates who are currently in 4th Year of Bachelor Degree and completing the Bachelor Degree in disciplines as per Section 2.1 of the scheme, with minimum 60% marks or equivalent CGPA may also apply. Such candidates shall be required to submit marks/CGPA till 7th Semester with the application and should have completed the final year examination on or before 17-Jun-2024. Shortlisting for Interview of such candidates, shall be provisional and conditional, subject to submission of Final CGPA/equivalent marks certificate meeting the eligibility conditions.
5. The period of engagement will be initially for a period of two years which can be extended for one year, on the recommendations of PAC (Performance Appraisal Committee).

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6. A consolidated amount of Rs. 75,000/- per month on Pro rata basis, all - inclusive, will be paid to RA. There shall be an annual increase of Rs. 7,500/- subject to satisfactory performance.
7. The willing and eligible applicant may send their duly filled application in the prescribed Proforma (Annexure-I of Scheme Enclosed) along with other required documents by post or submit personally to the address: ADET (SC & HQ), Room 301, National Centre for Communications Security, 2nd Floor, City Telephone Exchange, Sampangirama Nagar, Bangalore - 560027. **Last date of receipt of applications in NCCS is 17-Jun-2024. Delayed/incomplete applications will be rejected summarily.**
8. List/panel of shortlisted candidates for interview will be posted on NCCS website and call letters will be sent to shortlisted candidates through e-mail.
9. Final list of selected candidates will also be published on NCCS website and offer letters will be sent by email.
10. Selected candidates shall execute a 'Contract Bond' and a "Non-Disclosure Agreement' on non- judicial stamp paper of Rs.100/- as per Annexure-IV and Annexure-VI of scheme
11. For more details visit the website <https://nccs.gov.in/home/vacancies/1>

In case of any query, e-mail may be dropped at adghq.nccs-dot@gov.in

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NATIONAL CENTRE FOR COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY (NCCS)

RESEARCH ASSOCIATES SCHEME

1. OBJECTIVE:

1.1 National Centre for Communication Security (NCCS) responsible for the implementation of ComSeC Scheme part of MTCTE. This involves development of Indian Telecom Security Assurance Standards, Security Test labs recognition and Security certification of telecom equipment and associated processes. This mandate is of significant importance considering the looming telecom/network/cyber threats globally and the threat these vulnerabilities pose to National Security and Privacy to people of the Nation. NCCS work in security domain to strengthen the security standardization eco-system in India is highly specialized in nature and unique in its mandate. It also needs to interact with multilateral agencies like 3GPP, ITU, APT, IEEE, IETF, NIST and ETSI and other national/ international standardization bodies for active collaboration & development of country specific telecom security standards for India. It develops expertise to imbibe latest technologies and provides technical support/ policy inputs to DOT to advice other ministries in respects of Telecom Security Domain.

For implementation of ComSeC scheme NCCS has 3 divisions i.e., Security Assurance Standards (SAS), Security Lab Recognition (SLR) and Security Certification (SC). For more details, visit the NCCS website www.nccs.gov.in. NCCS is entrusted with the task of establishment of Centre of Excellence in Telecom Security Domain. NCCS is also involved in supporting activities for evaluation of hardware and the integrity of the supply chain of Telecom Network Equipments.

1.2 NCCS is currently working in the domains of Telecom/IT security testing such as vulnerability analysis, penetration testing, source code analysis, cryptography, malware analysis, Operating Systems, Ethical Hacking, Network Security, Product architecture and testing etc. NCCS is entrusted with the responsibility of developing ITSARs covering above domains for communication equipment. NCCS need to collaborate with global standardizing bodies for the same and work is in nature of research and development. Required research personnel are not readily available with DoT or other

Government Departments or PSUs thus requiring Research Associates (RAs) hiring on contract basis. Engaging Research Associates will allow young talent to be associated with the NCCS work for mutual benefit. It will enable NCCS to interact with young scholars and to get fresh ideas and study/ research support from the field of academics. Young talent from the fields of ICT can be nurtured by NCCS for development of Telecom Security eco system with in India by providing an opportunity to young scholars to contribute in the NCCS and have an insight into the related technical work.

2. **Eligibility Conditions:**

2.1 **Essential Qualification:** Bachelor Degree in Electronics/ Communications/ Telecommunications/ Information Technology/ Computers/ Electrical Engineering (with majors in electronics/communications/computers) or related discipline with minimum 60% marks or equivalent CGPA.

2.2 **Desirable Qualification:** Preference/weightage will be given to following qualifications as per details given in **Annexure-II**.

- i. Valid Gate Score in Electronics and Communication Engineering/ Computer Science and Information Technology Subjects or related discipline with minimum score as per Annexure II
- ii. Post-Graduation/ Master Degree in Electronics/ Communications/ Telecommunications/ Information Technology/ Computers or related discipline with minimum 60% marks (with valid Gate Score at the time of admission).
- iii. PhD Degree in relevant fields.
- iv. (a) Work experience of one year or more in the relevant field as defined in Annexure VII

OR

(b) Successful Internship certificate of six month or more with NCCS/TEC.

2.3 **Age limit:** - Candidates age should be below 28 years for Graduates/BE/BTech, 30 Years Post Graduates/MTech/MS and 35 years for PhD as on as on date of Notification.

3. **How to apply:** Interested and eligible candidates may submit their applications along with their CVs, areas of work interest in the prescribed application form (Attached at **Annexure-I**) accompanied by the self-attested copies of the academic and experience certificate/testimonials, to NCCS in response to advertisement/ notification from NCCS

4. **Selection:**

4.1 A Selection Committee will be constituted with the approval of Head of NCCS, comprising of three members (One DDG & Two Directors from NCCS).

4.2 Details of selection process is given at **Annexure-II**.

- 4.3 NCCS reserves the right to fill up any or all positions and select candidates in any suitable position depending upon the qualification and experience required for the said position.
- 4.4 Research Associateship is neither a job nor an assurance of a job with the NCCS. Selected candidate has to enter into a contract with NCCS.
- 4.5 Selected candidates shall execute a Contract Bond and a Non-Disclosure Agreement on non-judicial stamp paper of Rs.100/- as per **Annexure-IV & Annexure-VI**.
- 5. Training:** RAs would be provided orientation training of 1-2 weeks for acquiring work related knowledge/ skills.
- 6. Work Description & Responsibilities:**
- 6.1 The RAs will be primarily engaged for in-depth study, formulation, operationalization and assessment of various security standards ITSARs preparation, TSTPs preparation/ programmes/ projects/ policies evaluation of test reports/DUTs etc. related to emerging ICT areas such as Telecom, Network and Cyber Security, 4G/5G Networks, Virtualisation Function & Operating Systems Expertise, Cloud Security, Source Code Analysis, Cryptography, Internet of Things, Smart Networks, Artificial Intelligence , Machine Learning, new developments in the fields of Mobile Technologies and any associated field deemed fit by NCCS. They will also be associated in preparation of contributions for various international standardization organizations such as International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Study Groups, APT, IEEE, IEC etc. Further, they will also be engaged in various works emerging from ComSec Scheme, new National Digital Communication Policy (NDCP) - 2018.
- 6.2 The RA would be attached with one of the Divisions of the NCCS and required to provide high quality work. Depending on the requirements of NCCS and candidate's personal skills, RAs can be rotated to other divisions within NCCS.
- 6.3 The work of RAs will be monitored regularly. The attendance record and the details of work supervision shall be maintained by the Divisions of NCCS.
- 7. Place of Posting:** The place of posting will be NCCS, City Telephone Exchange, Sampangirama Nagar, Bengaluru 560027.
- 8. Remuneration:**
- 8.1 A consolidated amount of Rs. 75,000/- per month on pro rata basis, all-inclusive (including taxes), will be paid to every RA. There shall be an annual increase of Rs. 7,500/- subject to satisfactory performance.
- 8.2 RA shall submit execute bond as per Annexure IV

- 9. Leave:** Leave of 8 days shall be allowed in a year on pro-rata basis. Maternity Leave as per Govt. Of India instructions would be available to all female RAs. Apart from this, the candidates selected will not be entitled to any other benefits or concessions admissible to regular employees
- 10. TA/DA:**
- 10.1 RAs will be allowed to undertake domestic tours for which TA will be allowed for travelling by Air in Economy class or by Rail in AC Two Tier. Travel agent for booking of tickets should be from any of the three authorized travel agents viz. M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited (BLCL), M/s Ashok Travels & Tours (ATT) and Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd.(IRCTC).
- 10.2 Reimbursement of Hotel accommodation/guest house charges of up to Rs. 750/- per day.
- 10.3 Reimbursement of taxi charges of up to Rs. 225 per day for travel within the city. Self-certified claim should clearly indicate the period of travel, vehicle no. etc
- 10.4 Reimbursement of Food charges of Rs. 800/- per day. Reimbursement will be made depending on the length of absence from headquarters as enumerated below:
- i. < 6 hours - 30% of Rs.800 (i.e., Rs.240)
 - ii. Between 6-12 hours - 70% of Rs.800 (i.e., Rs.560)
 - iii. > 12 hours - 100% of Rs.800 (i.e., Rs. 800)
- 10.5 Mileage Allowance for Journeys by Road:
- i. in case the places not connected by rail, travel by AC bus (those entitled to travel by AC-II tier and above by train) is allowed.
 - ii. in case of road travel between places connected by rail, travel by any means of public transport is allowed provided the total fare doesn't exceed the train fare by the entitled class.
- 11. Performance Report Form:** Performance appraisal of RAs would be undertaken on six-monthly basis, reckoned from the month of joining, through a Performance Report Form (PRF) as prescribed at **Annexure-III**. In order to bring objectivity, assessment would be done by the reporting officer of the Division and reviewed by the Head of the Division. The Division shall forward the PRF to Personnel Division within one month after the completion of every six-month period. Thereafter, the PRF will be communicated to concerned RA by Personnel Division.
- 12. Period of Engagement:** Initially for a period of 2 years, extendable by one more year, on the recommendations of Performance Appraisal Committee.
- 13. Performance Appraisal Committee (PAC):** Performance Appraisal Committee will be chaired by Deputy Director General of the concerned Division and will comprise of

two more officers, one from respective division and one from other division of NCCS. PAC will appraise the work and performance of the RA at least one month prior to completion of term, for extension of the term to the third year. The PAC will devise its own procedures based on Performance Appraisal Form of the RAs.

14. General conditions:

- 14.1 The RAs will be under the administrative control of the officer to whom he is attached.
- 14.2 The RAs shall follow the rules and regulations of the NCCS that are in general applicable to employees of the NCCS. RAs are required to adhere to the administrative, financial and disciplinary regulations of NCCS/ DoT/ Government. Regular attendance of the RAs will be ensured by the supervisor/controlling officer in the concerned Division by keeping an attendance register.
- 14.3 The RAs shall not reveal to any person or organization confidential information pertaining to NCCS/DoT, its work and its policies.
- 14.4 The RAs may be deputed to attend symposia/seminars/conferences/workshop etc., & to undertake the work assigned at any place in India.
- 14.5 RAs may, with the prior permission of the NCCS, present their work to academic bodies and at seminars and conferences. However, even for this purpose information that is confidential to the NCCS cannot be revealed under any circumstances.
- 14.6 Any papers and documents written and/or published by the RA should carry the caveat that the views presented are the personal views of the RA and do not represent or reflect the views of the NCCS.
- 14.7 In general, a RA may not interact with or represent the NCCS vis-à-vis third parties. However, some RAs may specifically be authorized to interact with third parties on behalf of the NCCS depending on the nature of their work areas. RA will follow the advice given to them by the NCCS regarding representations to third parties.
- 14.8 No RA shall interact with or represent the NCCS to the media (print and/or electronic) including social media and personal Facebook/ Twitter handles etc.
- 14.9 RAs will conduct themselves professionally in their relationship with the NCCS and the public in general.
- 14.10 Any work done for NCCS by the RA during the period of engagement will be the sole property of the NCCS and NCCS reserves the right to use any such work for its own purpose. The RA is barred from claiming intellectual property rights on the work done in NCCS during the period of engagement.

- 14.12 The RAs are to work on a fulltime basis. Therefore, simultaneous employment with or without remuneration elsewhere is not permitted.
- 14.13 The positions are purely contractual and RAs shall have no legal right to claim his/her regularization/ appointment by absorption or otherwise against any regular posts in NCCS/ DoT/ Government or any further contractual engagement on termination of engagement. The engagement with NCCS is purely contractual, time-bound and non-regular. The engagement of the incumbent shall stand terminated automatically on completion of tenure.
- 14.14 The RAs shall settle their claims within 3 months from the date on which they are due.
- 14.15 The RAs shall abide by the Terms and Conditions of this notification. Any dispute thereof, decision of Sr DDG, NCCS shall be final and binding on the RA. Failure to abide by the Terms and Conditions of this notification will attract appropriate penal provisions.
- 14.16 Courts of Bengaluru shall have exclusive jurisdiction over matters covered or flowing from this RA Scheme.
- 14.17 NCCS reserves the right not to fill up all or any of the positions, if it so desires.
- 14.18 Only Indian Nationals need to apply.
- 14.19 RA shall be required to submit a physical fitness form from a government recognized physician/Medical Officer prior to commencement of work in NCCS. In the event of the death, injury or illness of the individual RA which is attributable to the performance of services on behalf of DoT under the terms of the Contract while the individual RA is traveling at DoT expense or is performing any services under the Contract in any offices or premises of DoT or Government of India, the individual RA or the individual RA's dependents, as appropriate, shall not be entitled to any compensation

15. Disengagement:

- 15.1 The NCCS reserves the right to disengage any RA at any point of time without assigning any reason.
- 15.2 Research Associate will not be allowed to disengage within first year. If RA wishes to disengage in first year, then the conditions of Contract Bond shall be applicable. After completion of one year, one-month notice must be given to NCCS. Notice period may be waived by the Head of NCCS at his own discretion.
- 15.3 Upon disengagement, the RA must hand over to the NCCS, any papers, equipment or other assets which might have been given to the RA by the NCCS in course of his work

with the NCCS. This will include any badges or ID Cards which may have been issued to the RA.

15.4 If it comes to the notice of the NCCS that the RA who has been disengaged by the NCCS continues to act in a manner which gives an impression that he is still engaged for the NCCS, the NCCS shall be free to take appropriate legal action against such RA.

16.0 Number of Research Associates:

16.1 NCCS will assess the requirement of the RAs periodically preferably in the first quarter of calendar year. Present requirement is given at **Annexure-V**.

16.2 Engagement of RAs will be done normally once in a calendar year in synchronization with academic calendar of educational institutes.

17.0 Scheme Review: Head of NCCS reserves the right to review the scheme at any time. The Scheme so reviewed will be placed on the website of NCCS.

18.0 Power to remove difficulties: Head of NCCS or his appointed/nominated representative shall have the power to remove any difficulty in the way of the implementation of this scheme.
