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Applications are invited from eligible Indian nationals for the Principal Project Scientist in a timebound sponsored project undertaken in the Department of Physics.

Position	Principal Project Scientist
Number of vacancies	1
Essential Qualification	Ph.D. in Physics or equivalent degree with minimum 75% marks or 7.5 CGPA during Ph.D. (graduate) and above 6.5 CGPA during M.Sc./B.E/B.Tech./M.E/M.Tech. coursework. <i>Relaxation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7.0 CGPA or 70% for OBC/EWS</li> <li>6.5 CGPA or 65% for SC/ST/PWD</li> </ul>
Project No.	PHY2425004DSTXARIJ
Project Title	A multi-node quantum repeater network for entanglement distributionbased quantum communication
Sponsoring Agency	Department of Science and Technology
Principal Investigator	Dr. Arijit Sharma
Department	Physics
Monthly Salary	INR 125000/- + HRA as applicable (9% for Tirupati city)
Tenure of Assignment	Initially 1 year, extendable up to three more years of project subject to satisfactory performance and annual review by expert committee.
Desired Experience	Good knowledge of more than one of the following topics at the M.Sc. Physics and PhD level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics</li> <li>- Electronics</li> <li>- Quantum Mechanics</li> <li>- Quantum Optics</li> <li>- Electromagnetic Theory</li> <li>- Atomic and laser spectroscopy</li> <li>- Finite Element Modelling and Simulation using COMSOL/ANSYS</li> <li>- Knowledge of ORCAD/EAGLE</li> <li>- Hands on experimental exposure in AMOP (Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics) experiments at the PhD level</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ph.D. in Physics / Electronics / Instrumentation / Optical engineering/ other related areas. Candidates who have submitted/ defended their Ph.D. thesis and are waiting for final degree can also apply.</li> <li>Experience in programming with any one of the following: Python/ MATLAB/ Mathematica / VHDL/ Verilog/ LabVIEW/ SolidWorks / COMSOL/ ANSYS/ digital &amp; analog electronics/ optics/ fabrication will be useful.</li> <li>Prior demonstrated experience of working in experimental optics and/or experimental atomic and molecular physics.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prior demonstrated experience with precision laser spectroscopy/ laser cooling/ ion trapping/ atom trapping and related areas.</li> <li>• Having at-least two original research paper in SCI and or a peer-reviewed journal. Preference shall be given to candidates with more than two publications in a SCI indexed journal.</li> <li>• Must be willing to work efficiently in a team environment with other students, research and project staff and postdoctoral fellows, self-motivated, and work under a variety of challenging research conditions.</li> <li>• Must have good oral and written communication skills evident through peer-reviewed publications and presentation of work in national/international conferences/workshops/school/meetings/etc.</li> <li>• Must have worked for either 2 years at the RAI/RAII level and/or 2 years at the RA I level and 1 year at RA II level and/or 3 years at the RAI level.</li> <li>• Experience with supervision of PhD/Masters students and/or postdoctoral candidates at RAI/RA II level</li> <li>• Exceptional candidates with a very strong publication record having only a theoretical background in light-matter interaction in warm atomic vapor/cold atom/ion trap systems and/or physics of cold atom/warm vapor quantum memories/repeaters/etc. will be considered for this opening.</li> </ul> <p>Must demonstrate highest work ethics, commitment and dedication to the project.</p>
Nature of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research and development</li> <li>- Design and development of laser spectroscopy set-up</li> <li>- Data recording and documentation of the research work</li> <li>- Critical analysis of the experimental results</li> <li>- Assist in any other associated experiment</li> <li>- Offline on campus physical presence is needed</li> <li>- Remote work not possible</li> <li>- Supervision and mentoring of PhD research students and postdoctoral fellows</li> <li>- Attending meetings, workshops, conferences and presenting of project outcomes</li> <li>- Reporting of experimental data, observations and outcomes in the nature of peer-reviewed manuscripts</li> <li>- Preparation of administrative documents related to filing progress reports of the project, assisting in procurement of items and equipment necessary for the project</li> <li>- Teaching responsibilities and supervision of undergraduate and postgraduate students</li> <li>- Overall coordination of multiple work packages to ensure smooth and steady progress of the project</li> </ul> <p>The selected candidate will get opportunity to work on interdisciplinary areas those are required for setting up of the experiment. Some of these are (but not limited to) simulation; designing, fabrication, testing of indigenous instruments in the field of lasers &amp; optics, developing low-noise analog &amp; digital electronics, developing FPGA based systems, ultra-high vacuum, mechanical &amp; software development, neutral atom trapping and so on. Apart from the development of the experiment, they will have to work on simulation and modeling of physics problems that are necessary to meet the experimental goals using open source and/or proprietary software. Developing a complete experiment involves multiple work-packages and developing those requires expertise in interdisciplinary fields. Within a lab, this can be achieved by working in</p>

	collaborative manner.  The work shall involve laser cooling techniques applied to neutral rubidium (Rb) atoms. It will also involve precision laser spectroscopy, experimental quantum optics and applications of quantum information processing protocols. The final objective is to develop a cold atom quantum memory node for quantum repeater applications.
Age Limit	Age limit - Not more than 36 years
Any other requirement/ Supporting material required	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Self-attested academic certificates and transcripts from undergraduate level to postgraduate level.</li> <li>2. A copy of the current CV, a copy of the Statement of purpose (SOP) and motivation letter.</li> <li>3. A brief research proposal on cold atom quantum memory.</li> <li>4. Two letters of recommendation required one of which must be from your thesis supervisor (PhD research guide) and the other one from your last postdoctoral supervisor at RAI/RAII/ II/RAIII level.</li> </ol>
Mode of selection	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Shortlisting based on CV, SOP, motivation letter, research proposal and the LORs received.</li> <li>2. Online interview of the shortlisted candidates.</li> <li>3. No TA/DA will be paid for the shortlisted/selected candidates.</li> <li>4. Candidate needs to join duty within 7 days of intimation of selection by the committee.</li> </ol>
Application Last date	03-01-2026
Application Link	<a href="https://forms.gle/gQ95b79gmaHK3PBj9">https://forms.gle/gQ95b79gmaHK3PBj9</a>

The shortlisted candidates will be informed by email only. Selection will be based on the qualification, experience, and interview. **No TA/DA shall be paid to candidates appearing for an interview online or offline.** The interview date will be notified to the shortlisted candidates by Email. For any queries send mail to [csrc\\_recruitment@iittp.ac.in](mailto:csrc_recruitment@iittp.ac.in)

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