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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Vehicle Research and Development Organization (VRDE) under the aegis of DRDO is engaged in Research & Development in the area of light tracked, wheeled platform.

VRDE is committed to design and develop advanced and reliable indigenous solutions in the areas of Mobility systems, Wheeled & Light Tracked combat Systems, Wheeled Launched Systems for Strategic & Tactical Programmes, High Mobility Gun Systems, Wheeled Autonomous Systems, UAV Engines and extensive evaluation & Certification of Military & commercial Vehicles, by continual improvement and deployment of efficient resources, to the entire satisfaction of INDIAN Armed forces.

VRDE invites young and meritorious Indian nationals for walk-in Interview, desiring to pursue defense related research as Junior Research Fellow (JRF) in the following field:-

No. of vacancies: **(10 *posts)**

(* The number of fellowships may increase or decrease depending upon organizational/Lab requirement).

Sr No	Discipline	No. of JRFs	Qualification as on Interview date	Equivalent Discipline/branch/field acceptable	Document Verification	Written Test & Interview after document verification
1	Mechanical Engineering	08	Candidate to have as on date of interview BE/BTech degree in First Division and a valid Cut off GATE Score OR ME/MTech with First Division both at graduate and post-graduate level	Mechanical Engg Mechanical & Automation Engg, Mechanical & Production Engg.	24 Feb 2026 09:30 am to 11:30 am	24 Feb 2026 & 25 Feb 2026
2	Electrical Engineering	02		Electrical Engg Electrical Power System Engg, Electrical & Electronics Engg, Power Electronics Engg	26 Feb 2026 09:30 am to 11:30 am	26 Feb 2026 & 27 Feb 2026

(i) **Place of Research Fellowship:** VRDE, PO; Vahannagar, Ahmednagar (Now Ahilyanagar) – 414 006 (Maharashtra)

(ii) **Tenure:** Initially the offer shall be for a period of two years which may be extended for further two years period (one year at a time) subject to satisfactory performance after assessment by Review Committee.

(iii) **Stipend:** Monthly emoluments of Rs.37,000/- pm plus House Rent Allowance (HRA) as admissible.

(iv) **Education Qualification:** BE/B.Tech in above disciplines first division with valid Cut off GATE score on the date of interview. Only GATE scores of Year 2023, 2024 & 2025 are acceptable. Or ME/M.Tech in above disciplines in first division both at Graduate & Post-graduate level.

(v) **Upper Age Limit :** 28 years as on as date of interview, relaxation by Five years for SC/ST and Three years for OBC (Non- creamy layer) candidates. Caste certificate copy to be enclosed with application, if applicable.

(vi) **Nationality:** Only Indian National to apply

Application procedure:

Application form can be downloaded from website www.drdo.gov.in. Eligible candidates who are willing to attend the walk-in-interview are advised to send their willingness by email at kapilpurawani.vrde@gov.in latest by 22 Feb 2026. The subject field of the email must contain "Application for the post of Junior Research Fellowship-Subject".

Interview Guidelines:

1. Desirous candidates appearing for written test & interview are required to report at VRDE, Vahannagar PO, Ahilyanagar – 414006 (Maharashtra) as per the above given schedule:
 - i) Applications will be accepted starting from **0900 hrs to 1030hrs** on the date mentioned above. Candidates arriving late will not be allowed to participate in walk-in-interview process. Document verification of candidates will be done between 09:30hrs-1130 hrs on the same date .
 - ii) Written test will be conducted after scrutiny of documents on 24 Feb 2026 for Mechanical Engg branch and on 26th Feb for Electrical Engg branch from 12:00 PM Onwards. Duration of test will be only for two hours. Interview will be conducted on 24th & 25th Feb 2026 for Mechanical Engg Branch and on 26th & 27th Feb 2026 for Electrical Engg branch based on written test result.
 - iii) Interview of the screened candidates will take place from 11:30 hrs onwards .
2. In case of large number of candidates, Interview will be conducted on the next day also. Therefore, candidates are requested to prepare/make arrangement accordingly.
3. Candidates are required to produce the duly filled application form, as per the format provided, along with attested copies of certificate/testimonials w.r.t qualification, experience and caste at the time of walk-in-interview. It is also required to affix recent passport size photograph on the right top corner of the first page of the application. (If any documents/certificate furnished are in a language other than English, a duly self-attested transcript in English of the same to be attached)
4. Incomplete application will be rejected during the screening for eligibility.
5. While appearing for interview, candidates are required to produce all certificate/testimonials **in original** for verification.
6. Candidate presently employed in Government department/PSUs/Autonomous bodies will be required to produce **No-Objection-Certificate** from the employer at the time of interview.
7. Candidate should bring Govt. issued photo ID Proof such as Aadhar Card/PAN card /Passport etc. in original.
8. Carrying of Electronic items like Mobile Phone/Pen drive/laptop/smart watch etc are strictly prohibited inside VRDE campus.

General condition

1. The Director, VRDE, Ahilyanagar reserve the right to amend/modify/cancel this advertisement and also to cancel the admission/selection at any time without assigning any reason thereof.
2. Antecedents of selected candidates will be verified at the time of joining. In case deficiency of any type in the documents, the candidature would automatically stand cancelled.
3. A Panel for the vacancies available and future anticipated vacancies will be drawn based on the order of merit. The panel will operate for a period of one year. However, the mere fact of occurrence of vacancies during the year. Director, VRDE reserves the right not to select any candidate, if suitable candidates are not available.
4. No TA/DA will be admissible for attending the interview/joining, irrespective of the selection.
5. The decision of the committee constituted by Director, VRDE in selecting the candidates will be final and binding on all the candidates.
6. Misrepresentations or falsification of facts detected at any stage of the selection process or instances of misconduct/misbehavior at any stage during selection process or after selection shall result in cancellation of candidature without any notice and no correspondence shall be entertained in this regard.

Note: It may please be noted that offer of Fellowship does not confer on Fellows any right for absorption in DRDO.

Contact details: For any other related queries, please contact 0241-2544004 ,Ext-4323 on working days (From Mon to Fri).

**DIRECTOR, VRDE
Ahilyanagar,414006**

APPLICATION FORM FOR JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

(To Be filled by the candidate in his/her own handwriting)

Affix recent
passport
size Photo

1. Full Name in block Letters _____
2. Father's Name _____
3. (a) Gender : Male / Female / Third Gender _____
(b) Category: Gen / SC / ST / OBC _____
(c) Date of Birth : _____ **DD/MM/YYYY** _____
(d) Nationality : _____

4. Correspondence Address : _____

_____ PIN CODE _____ STATE _____

Permanent Address: _____

_____ PIN CODE _____ STATE _____

5. Contact Details : Mobile :+91 _____ & _____

6. E-mail ID : _____

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Educational Qualification (10 th Standard Onwards encloses self attested copies of Mark sheet/ Certificate.)					
Examination Passed	Subject(s)	Board/ University	Month & Year of Passing	Division / Class / Grade	Percentage (%) / CGPA

8. Experience, if any

Name of Post/Designation	Name of the Organization/Dept	Period of Service		Reason for leaving (if any)
		From	To	

9. Given details of NET/GATE Examination (Proof to be enclosed)
Enrollment/Roll No.....Year.....Score.....Validity.....

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the above furnished particulars are correct to the best of my Knowledge and no information is suppressed. If at any time I am found to have concealed/distorted any information, my fellowship shall be liable to be summarily terminated without any prior notice. I am read ,to take up and discharge the duties assigned to me.

Place: _____

Date: _____

Signature of the candidate