

CCMB Summer Program 2011

● Eligibility Qualifications

The training program is open to students from all branches of sciences and open to all Indian universities/research institutes.

Only the Students who are admitted in a Master' program (M.Sc.) in year 2010 or B. Tech. (4 year) program in 2008 can apply, i.e., the students who will complete their 1st year of M. Sc. or 6th Semester of B. Tech. in June/July 2011 are eligible to apply;

M. Tech. students are not eligible.

Computer science students with flair for biology may also apply.

● Training Program

It is not a conventional class-room lectures based training program. Instead, each selected candidate/trainee will be assigned to a CCMB staff scientist who will supervise/mentor them during their stay. Each student is expected to execute a small project work under the guidance of the scientist. At the end of the program, student will need to submit a 'Project Report' of the work done, and also would be required to make an oral presentation.

The program is mainly intended to give students a real exposure/hands-on experience to a research environment, in the hope that it would inculcate in them a zeal for research as a future career.

Although, efforts are made to take into consideration the 'statement of purpose'/research interest of the selected students (while assigning to different Scientists), but it is generally not possible in many cases; as the allotments are mainly based on the availability of working place(s) in different labs and not the other way around. **Therefore, only those students should apply for the training program, who are ready to work in any lab in CCMB, if selected.**

● Application procedure

Application for the Summer Program 2011 can be **down loaded** (Zipped pdf file). Completed application (Hard copy) for the program MUST reach CCMB by the first Monday of February 2011. The names of the Selected candidates would be made available on CCMB homepage during the second week of April 2011 (here, it may be noted that no separate intimation would be sent to any candidate, and thus all applicants should look for the 'selection list' on CCMB homepage only).

● Selection Process

A committee nominated by the Director, CCMB, selects the trainees. One of the major criteria used in selection is that the selected candidates should represent the Nation-wide coverage of different Indian states (based on the location of their academic institutions, but irrespective of their birthplace, sex, cast or religion). 'Statement of purpose' and the 'Recommendation/reference Letter' are other important

considerations in the selection of candidates along with the academic record. A few seats (~5%) are reserved for the children of CCMB employees.

The number of trainees' intake varies between 40-45 candidates, and mainly depends upon the availability of bench space with different staff scientists of CCMB. On an average we receive ~1500 applications, of which only 3.0 – 4.0 % candidates make it to the program.

● **Important dates**

The program is for duration of 60 days (~eight weeks) in the months of May-July 2011.

Last date for receipt of Application in CCMB: **Monday, the 7th February 2011.**

Selected candidate's LIST on CCMB homepage **Between 10-15, April 2011**

(No separate letter of intimation will be sent from CCMB to the selected candidates)

Last date for selected candidates to inform their

Acceptance to CCMB/Program Coordinator **20th April 2011**

Tentative dates to join CCMB/ the program **12-15th May 2011**
(no one would be allowed to join after 20th May under any circumstance)

● **Support /Boarding/Lodging**

CCMB will not provide any financial support for boarding/ lodging. All the selected candidates are required to self-finance their stay in CCMB/ Hyderabad. Further, the candidates would also need to make their own arrangement for stay in Hyderabad.

● **Important points to note**

- **As is evident from our experience in earlier years, the competition is very high for the few available seats with an average chance of selection being only 3.0 – 4.0 %.**
- **Applications for SummerProgram 2011 MUST be submitted as a hard copy. The application incomplete in any respect will be rejected/not considered.**
- *Requests/applications for the program sent prior to this notification will not be considered. Any such candidate must apply again using the prescribed application form.*

- There is no **FEE** for the training program; but all selected candidates have to bear their boarding/lodging expenditure during the 60-day stay at CCMB.
- **The decision of the Centre in regard to the selection of candidates shall be final.**
- Canvassing in any form and /or bringing in any influence, political or otherwise, will be treated as a disqualification.
- Selected candidates are expected to have cleared their final exams (1st year in case of M.Sc. students, and 6th semester in case of B. Tech. students) before joining the program and thus are required to bring the documentary proof for the same. On the other hand, for students, whose results may be awaited at that time, students would need to provide a certificate from their college certifying that they have appeared for the exams, and that the results are yet to be declared.
- **All candidates selected for the program would need to spend a minimum period of 60 days in CCMB without any break. This is one of the most important requirements and accordingly, all candidates need to furnish a certificate from their Head of the Department/Competent authority of the college/institute to this effect (see the Application form) for instructions.**

Mailing address for application:

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(Please mention on top of the envelope “Application for Summer Training 2011”).

Disclaimer:

It may be noted that the CCMB would not be responsible for any omission of name from the list of applicants that may result from ‘Loss/Delayed receipt’ of applications due to postal mishandling/loss/delay.