



Advt. No.VECC-3/2026

**Engagement of Research Associates in VECC, Kolkata under the Project
“Advanced Experimental Facilities for Utilization of Cyclotron”**

VECC is inviting applications for filling up **Six (6) Research Associate (RA)** positions in the specialized areas given below in point no. 3.

1. Eligibility:

Name of the position	Discipline	Minimum Educational Qualifications
RA-1/RA-2	Physical Sciences	PhD degree in Physics/Physics related subjects as per research areas mentioned in point no. 3.

Candidates with provisional PhD certificate can apply for the Research Associate position (RA-1). If selected, the candidate needs to fulfil all the requirements of the Ph.D degree before joining the position.

2. Fellowship:

The fellowship given by VECC will be in accordance with the DAE guidelines. The Fellowship amount for Research Associates areas follows:

- Rs.58,000/- per month for RA-1;
- Rs.61,000/- per month for RA-2.

In addition, Research Associates will be eligible for an annual contingency grant of Rs.60,000/- to be utilized as per the DAE guidelines.

Notes

The selected candidates will be placed at one of the 2 fellowship levels (RA-1/RA-2) as indicated above, depending on the following criteria as decided by the Selection Committee.

- i) Performance in the selection interview.
- ii) Post-Ph.D. research experience (if any) as evident from the publications and/or products/processes designed and/or developed.

The fellowship will be awarded initially for **ONE** (1) year and may be extended up to a maximum of **THREE** (3) years up to RA-3 subject to performance reviews at any time recommended by a duly appointed committee and also upon the availability of positions. In addition to the fellowship, HRA is admissible as per DAE guidelines. However, HRA is not admissible if accommodation is provided by VECC.

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3. Research Areas:

1.	Experimental Nuclear Physics: light & heavy-ion induced reactions, fission, γ -ray spectroscopy, GDR studies, Penning trap.	2.	Theoretical Nuclear Physics/ Astrophysics/Nuclear Astrophysics.
3.	Experimental High Energy Nuclear Physics.	4.	Theoretical High Energy Nuclear Physics/ Phenomenology of Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions/Quark gluon plasma.
5.	Quantum Chaos/ thermalisation, Quantum many body systems, Random matrix theory, Quantum thermodynamics.	6.	Radiation Damage studies.

4. Selection Procedure:

The selection committee will short-list the candidates from amongst those who meet the Eligibility criteria mentioned in point #1 and satisfy other criteria as mentioned in the Advt. The short-listed candidates will be interviewed for final selection before the placement as Research Associate. Selection Interview will be held at VECC in **OFFLINE/ONLINE** mode based on the request of the applicant.

5. How to Apply:

Candidates may download Application Form from the VECC website i.e., <https://www.vecc.gov.in/> and send the scanned copy of duly completed Application Form to the e-mail ID: ra2026@vecc.gov.in mentioning the subject as **“Application for Research Associates 2026”**. Applications received at ra2026@vecc.gov.in will only be accepted for consideration.

At the time of submission of application, applicant should submit the scanned copy of duly completed Application Form along with all the relevant/supporting documents as per the checklist mentioned in point#8 given below.

6. Important dates:

Starting date for receiving application : **19th May, 2026**
 Last date for receiving application (by email) : **19th June, 2026**
 Tentative date(s) of interview (ONLINE/OFFLINE): **22nd -24th July, 2026**
 Tentative date of joining the programme : **1st September, 2026**

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7. Address for communication:

Assistant Personnel Officer (GA),
Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre,
Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India,
1/AF, Bidhan Nagar, Kolkata - 700064.

8. Checklist for submission of application:

Before submission of application in the prescribed format, you need to have the following data ready (in JPEG/ PDF formats) for attachment in email)

- A passport size photo (in JPEG format, less than 1 MB Size).
- Birth Certificate/10th pass certificate in support of date of birth.
- PhD degree Certificate Provisional/Regular.
- List of publications.
- A write up within 500 words highlighting plan of work at VECC.
- Recommendation letter (at least 1). **Must be sent directly by the referee to the email ra2026@vecc.gov.in**

9. General Information and broad guidelines:

- Applications are to be submitted only via e-mail: ra2026@vecc.gov.in
- Selection as a RA does not confer any right to claim employment in this Centre or any other unit of the Department of Atomic Energy.
- The prescribed qualification should have been obtained from recognized Universities / Institutions.
- The candidature of the applicant shall remain provisional until detailed scrutiny of his/her documents is completed. In the case of any dispute, the decision of VECC regarding the eligibility of the candidate shall be final. The mere issuance of a call letter or permission to appear in the interview does not imply that the information provided in the application has been accepted as true and correct. VECC reserves the right to reject any application at any stage of the selection process or after the selection if the candidate is found ineligible or is found to have furnished false information.
- All information related to the selection will be made available on the website i.e. <http://www.vecc.gov.in>. Candidates are advised to visit the website regularly for information and updates in this regard. Information displayed on the website will be deemed as intimation to the candidates.

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- Interview will be held either in offline or in online mode (as requested by the candidate). If candidates are called for physical interview, they will be paid to and fro fare (Travelling Allowance) to the extent of AC-III tier normal fare or actual fare, whichever is less, by the shortest route as per rules. In case of candidates who travel by air, only the AC-III tier normal fare or actual fare, whichever is less, from the registered address (city) mentioned in their application to Kolkata, will be reimbursed on production of Air Ticket and Boarding Pass, Air Ticket must be purchased from the agencies (Balmer & Lawrie, IRCTC and Ashoka Travels) authorized by the Govt. of India. However, Travelling Allowance is not admissible to those candidates who are already serving in Central/State Government, Central/State Government Corporation, Public Sector Undertakings, Local Government Institutions and the concession availed from Railways, if any, for undertaking journey for attending the Interview. They have to produce tickets and other relevant documents (if required) in support of their claim. TA claims will be credited to their savings bank account only if it is found in order as per the extant rules.
- Any legal disputes arising out of this notification are subject to Kolkata jurisdiction only.
- Corrigendum/Addendum, if any, pertaining to this advertisement will be uploaded only on VECC website.
- Those candidates who are in employment under any Central/State Govt./Public Sector Undertakings/Corporations/Local Govt. etc. are required to submit a “No Objection Certificate” compulsorily from the employer at the time of verification of the academic/other documents.
- VECC reserves the right not to fill up the position(s) if it so desires.
- Interim enquiries/ correspondence/ communication of any sort will be entertained only via email at ra2026@vecc.gov.in.
- Canvassing in any form will be treated as a disqualification for the post applied for.

APPLICATION FORM FOR RESEARCH ASSOCIATE POSITION IN VECC

1	Name	
2	Date of birth	
3	Gender	
4	Caste (SC/ST/OBC/EWS etc.)	
5	ID card no [Aadhaar/PAN/Voter ID card]	
6	Email address	
7	Mobile & Whatsapp number	
8	Communication address	
9	Qualifying degree and name of the institution from which qualifying degree is obtained	
10	Year and month of the qualifying degree	
11	Father's/Mother's/Spouse's name	
12	Father's/Mother's/Spouse's contract number	
13	National Level Examination/Test qualified	Yes/No
14	IF YES in 13) Examination (NET, GATE etc.) qualified with year and month of qualifying	
15	Currently employed (yes or no, if yes provide the details)	
16	Field of research interest	
17	What made you interested in VECC?	
18	Choice of Interview Mode (Offline/Online)	

(Signature of the candidate)

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Please provide the details of educational qualifications acquired in the table given below (Starting with the qualifying degree):-

S. No.	Degree	Year	Marks/CGPA	Major Subject	University

I hereby declare that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that I will be disqualified if any of the information furnished above is found to be incorrect.

Date: _____

(Signature of the candidate)