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**Engagement of Human Resources on Contract Basis for
Mission Coordination Cell (MCC) of National Quantum Mission (NQM)**

Last Date for Submission of Online Applications is 17th September 2026

About the Mission Coordination Cell for National Quantum Mission

The National Quantum Mission (NQM) is a flagship initiative of the Government of India, implemented by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), to propel the nation to the forefront of quantum technology research and development. The Mission Coordination Cell (MCC), established at ARCI Gurugram Office, serves as the central coordination and programme management unit for the Mission. The MCC facilitates coordination among Mission stakeholders, including Thematic Hubs, Technical Groups, Government agencies, industry, start-ups, and academic institutions. It supports programme coordination, technical and programmatic reviews, stakeholder engagement, technology translation, outreach activities, and management of digital platforms for the effective execution of the National Quantum Mission.

About ARCI

The International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI) is an autonomous R&D institution under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. ARCI is dedicated to the development, demonstration, and commercialization of advanced materials and manufacturing technologies, with a strong focus on technology translation and industry adoption. Through its state-of-the-art infrastructure, multidisciplinary expertise, and extensive collaboration with academia, industry, and government agencies, ARCI plays a key role in supporting national missions and strategic technology initiatives.

ARCI invites applications from suitable candidates for engagement at Managerial and Technical staff levels on a **temporary “Contract Basis”** for working on the time-bound sponsored project, Mission Coordination Cell (MCC). All positions are **purely temporary in nature and co-terminus with the duration of the sponsored project, i.e., up to March 2031**. The selected candidates will be **posted at the Gurugram Office of ARCI or the Mission Secretariat, National Quantum Mission (NQM), DST, New Delhi** or at such other location(s) as may be directed by the funding agency, depending on the requirements of the project. The following temporary positions are available for engagement:

I. Senior Manager*:

1.	Post Code	SM 001
2.	Name of Position	Senior Manager
3.	Number of Positions	One (1)
4.	Upper Age (limit)	45 years
5.	Nature and Period of Contract	The appointment will be temporary on a contractual basis, initially for a period of one year, with extension up to March 2031, subject to satisfactory annual performance review.
6.	Remuneration	₹ 1,50,000 – 2,00,000/- per month (consolidated all inclusive) (Depending on the Qualification and Experience).
7.	Educational Qualifications	Essential Qualifications Master's degree in Engineering/Technology or Ph.D. in Science Desirable Qualifications and Experience • Ph.D./M.B.A. in relevant area. • Proven experience in managing large-scale R&D / technology programmes and projects from conception to implementation. • Strong leadership, analytical, problem-solving, and decision-making capabilities. • Good understanding of the Quantum Technology ecosystem and related strategic initiatives. • Experience in stakeholder engagement involving government agencies, academia, industry, and start-ups. • Prior experience in technology translation, innovation ecosystems, incubators, accelerators, or national mission-mode programmes. • Demonstrated ability to work in a dynamic, multidisciplinary, and cross-functional environment. • Strong organizational, communication, and team management skills.
8.	Experience	• 12 years of relevant experience in R&D, programme management, technology development, mission-mode projects, or innovation ecosystem management. Note: Period spent on obtaining minimum essential qualifications shall not count towards experience. Period spent on obtaining doctorate degree (in the field of Essential Qualification) from a recognized University or Institute, as evidenced by certification by such University or Institute, subject to completion of the doctorate degree and subject to a maximum of two years, shall count towards experience. The period spent on pursuing doctorate degree shall not count towards experience for any purpose, if the doctorate degree has not been awarded. However, in cases of full-time employment (regular or contractual) of more than two years during the same period as the period spent on obtaining doctorate degree (degree awarded), experience shall be counted only for the employment period and not for the doctorate degree.
9.	Job Profile	Primary responsibilities towards overall planning and implementation of all activities related to the NQM mandated to MCC and in consultation with Mission Secretariat-NQM that includes (but not restricted to) functioning of all Funded Entities (T-Hubs, TGs, Start-ups etc.), Industry Engagement & Technology Transfer, and liaison with other stakeholders.

II. Managers*:

1.	Post Code	M 001
2.	Name of Position	Manager
3.	Number of Positions	Two (2)
4.	Upper Age (limit)	40 years
5.	Nature and Period of Contract	The appointment will be temporary on a contractual basis, initially for a period of one year, with extension up to March 2031, subject to satisfactory annual performance review.
6.	Remuneration	₹ 1,00,000 – 1,50,000/- per month (consolidated all inclusive) (Depending on the Qualification and Experience).
7.	Educational Qualifications	Essential Qualifications Master's degree in Engineering/ Technology Or Ph.D. in Science. Desirable Qualifications and Experience • Ph.D./M.B.A. in relevant area. • Demonstrated analytical and coordination capabilities. • Experience in preparing technical reports, project proposals, presentations, and review documents. • Strong record of scientific publications, patents, or technology development activities. • Ability to coordinate multiple activities and work effectively with diverse stakeholders • Capability to work independently as well as collaboratively in a multidisciplinary team environment. • Exposure to research management, technology development, innovation ecosystems, or mission-mode programmes will be an added advantage.
8.	Experience	• 8 years of relevant experience in R&D, programme management, technology development, mission-mode projects, or innovation ecosystem management. Note: Period spent on obtaining minimum essential qualifications shall not count towards experience. Period spent on obtaining doctorate degree (in the field of Essential Qualification) from a recognized University or Institute, as evidenced by certification by such University or Institute, subject to completion of the doctorate degree and subject to a maximum of two years, shall count towards experience. The period spent on pursuing doctorate degree shall not count towards experience for any purpose, if the doctorate degree has not been awarded. However, in cases of full-time employment (regular or contractual) of more than two years during the same period as the period spent on obtaining doctorate degree (degree awarded), experience shall be counted only for the employment period and not for the doctorate degree.
9.	Job Profile	Second level responsibilities towards planning and implementation of all activities related to the NQM mandated to MCC and in consultation with Mission Secretariat-NQM that includes (but not restricted to) functioning of all Funded Entities (T-Hubs, TGs, Start-ups etc), Industry Engagement & Technology Transfer, and liaison with other stakeholders.

III. Technical Coordinators:

1.	Post Code	TC 001
2.	Name of Position	Technical Coordinator
3.	Number of Positions	Four (4)
4.	Upper Age (limit)	32 years
5.	Nature and Period of Contract	The appointment will be temporary on a contractual basis, initially for a period of one year, with extension up to March 2031, subject to satisfactory annual performance review.
6.	Remuneration	₹ 70,000 – 1,00,000/- per month (consolidated all inclusive) (Depending on the Qualification and Experience).
7.	Educational Qualifications	Essential Qualifications Bachelor's degree in Engineering/ Technology or Master's degree in Science. Desirable Qualifications and Experience • Science, Engineering, Technology, Management, Public Relations, Public Policy, Innovation Management, Business Administration (MBA), or an equivalent qualification in a relevant discipline from a recognized University /Institution. • Graduate degree in relevant discipline with experience in matters relating to Finance (IFD), Audit, RTI, PG, Parliament Questions etc. • Experience in project coordination, monitoring, review, and performance assessment of R&D or technology development programmes. • Ability to track project milestones, deliverables, timelines, and key performance indicators. • Experience in preparing technical reports, review documents, presentations, and official communications. • Strong analytical, communication, documentation, and organizational skills. • Experience in coordinating with academic institutions, research organizations, government agencies, industry, and start-ups. • Familiarity with Government procedures, stakeholder engagement, and inter-agency coordination mechanisms. • Understanding of technology transfer, commercialization, innovation management, incubation, entrepreneurship, and deployment activities. • Experience in organizing technical reviews, workshops, conferences, technology showcases, and outreach programmes. • Exposure to mission-mode programmes, large-scale national initiatives, or multi-institutional projects will be an added advantage. • Ability to work effectively in multidisciplinary and cross-functional environments.
7.	Experience	5 years of relevant experience.
8.	Job Profile	Functional level responsibilities to provide day-to-day support to Mission Secretariat-NQM, T-Hub(s) and all other funded entities, that includes (but not restricted to) technical/financial monitoring, capturing performance indicators, technical reporting, development/maintenance of web-portal, industry outreach, liaison with other stakeholders (including other ministries/government agencies), social media and event management.

****MCC (NQM) reserves the right to relax qualification and experience criteria for deserving candidates with the approval of the Competent Authority.***

I. Application Procedure:

Eligible candidates fulfilling the above eligibility criteria may submit their online application at: <https://arci.res.in/careers/vacancies>. **The last date for receipt of filled-in online applications with supporting documents (educational qualification, experience certificates, proof of age and other supporting documents etc.) is 17th September 2026.** Applications shall be submitted online only. At this stage, candidates need not send hard copy of their application.

II. Screening/Short-listing and Selection Process

- a. Mere fulfilling the minimum prescribed qualifications and experience criteria will not vest any right in a candidate for being called for selection process. ARCI reserves all rights to screen the applications and short-list candidates based on the eligibility criteria, qualification, relevant experience, and suitability for the position applied for.
- b. Eligible candidates will be provisionally short-listed based on the face value of the details provided by them in their online applications submitted.
- c. Screening/shortlisting of the candidates will be done by a duly constituted Committee based on essential qualifications, relevant experience to the sponsored project and information provided in the online applications with supporting documents. **Since the project manpower is for time-bound sponsored projects, the candidates having experience relevant to the project will have an advantage over others.**
- d. Short-listed candidates' list for personal interview will be displayed on ARCI website at <https://arci.res.in/offerings/careers>. Shortlisted candidates will be required to appear for personal interview.
- e. The shortlisted candidates for personal interview will be informed by email. ARCI shall not be responsible in case a candidate provides insufficient/wrong email IDs or email sent goes into email spam.

III. Place of Posting

The selected candidates will be **posted at Gurugram Office of ARCI or the Mission Secretariat, National Quantum Mission, DST, New Delhi** or at such other location(s) as may be directed by the funding agency, depending on the requirements of the project.

IV. Official Travel Requirement

The selected candidates may be required to undertake official travel within India in connection with Mission-related activities, including meetings, reviews, workshops, conferences, and stakeholder interactions, as per project requirements.

V. Tenure of Engagement

The time-bound sponsored project has an approved tenure of five years. Initially, the selected candidates shall be engaged for a period of one year. The engagement may be renewed annually up to March 2031, subject to satisfactory performance, continuation of the project, human resources requirements, and availability of funds.

The engagement shall be purely temporary and co-terminus with the project tenure. The contract may be terminated earlier based on project requirements or unsatisfactory performance of the candidate. The engagement shall not confer any right or claim for permanent absorption or continuation beyond the approved project period.

VI. Credential Verification, Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest

The appointment of selected candidates shall be subject to satisfactory verification of credentials, qualifications, experience, and antecedents.

The selected candidates shall be required to comply with the confidentiality requirements, policies, and guidelines of ARCI and DST. They shall also disclose and appropriately manage any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest in accordance with applicable rules, policies, and procedures.

VII. Other Terms

Allowances:

TA/DA, HRA, medical benefits, and other allowances shall not be admissible.

- **Leave:**

Leave shall be admissible at the rate of 1.5 days for each completed month.

- **Termination:**

The contract engagement may be terminated by either party by providing one month's notice.

- **Annual Increment**

An annual performance-based enhancement in consolidated remuneration of up to 5% shall be admissible, subject to satisfactory annual performance review.

VIII. Last Date for Submission of Application

The last date for receipt of duly filled-in online application forms along with supporting documents is **17th September 2026**. Applications received after the due date or incomplete applications shall not be considered.