

Information for candidates short-listed for interview in the School of Life Sciences, JNU
Please read the following carefully as you prepare to come for the interview

If you have applied for more than one Research Area, it is possible that you may have received a call letter with interviews on different dates. However, please note that you would be interviewed for both of your chosen areas on the first day you have been invited.

For example, if you have been invited for Area ONE on 3.7.2017 8:30am and Area FOUR on 5.7.2017, you would be interviewed for both Areas ONE and FOUR on 3.7.2017 8:30am onwards.

1. You would be evaluated on your Domain Knowledge, Analytical Ability and Research Proposal. The interviews would be based broadly on the subjects studied in M.Sc. and on your choice of research areas.
2. Candidates are advised to visit the School of Life Sciences website to learn about the School profile as well as the faculty research interests. <http://www.jnu.ac.in/SLS/>
3. At the time of the interview, each candidate must submit a choice of FOUR potential Supervisors in the chosen Research Area/s in order of your preference. Upon arrival here for the interview, you would be provided a form for you to exercise your options.
4. Please note that students would be initially admitted to SLS in one of their chosen Research Area/s and NOT to individual faculty. As per UGC 2016 rules, specific research topic and Research Supervisor(s) would be finally allotted by the Research Advisory Committee/Doctoral Committee based on your order of faculty preference and mutual discussions between potential Supervisor and you. In case of non-availability of one's choice of Supervisor, the Dean's decision in the matter would be final.
5. **Research proposal:**

The purpose of the write up and presentation is to evaluate candidate's thinking ability and research aptitude, and will serve as a point for discussion. Please note that upon joining the Ph.D. programme, the topic of your research may not be the same as the one proposed by you during the interview.

 - *The research proposal should be written in one of the two chosen research areas.*
 - *The proposal should be novel and innovative, pertaining to basic or applied research in any area of Life Sciences.*
 - *The proposal should raise a pertinent question and describe experimental approaches to address the question.*
 - *To help you organize the proposal, you may compose the proposal under the following subheadings:
(I) Title (II) Chosen research area (III) Brief introduction (IV) Objectives (or questions) (V) Experimental approach (VI) Expected outcome.*

The write-up should not exceed 1000 words (Approximately Two A4 pages with 1.5 spacing). You can additionally include a maximum of 10 references.
6. Each candidate is expected to present their research proposal using a chalk and board during the interview. No power-point presentation will be allowed.
7. JRF holders must carry documentary support of their fellowship award. A self-attested copy of the award letter/evidence needs to be submitted at the time of the interview.

Good Luck!