Attachment Training Programme for Practicing Librarians and Computer Professionals of North Eastern Region

The Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) is an autonomous Inter-University Centre (IUC) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) located at the Gujarat University Campus, Ahmedabad. Major activities and services of the Centre are geared towards modernization of academic libraries and information centres, to promote information transfer and access, to support scholarship, learning and academic pursuits. The Centre act as a nodal agency for networking of libraries and information centres in universities, institutions of higher learning and R & D institutions in India. The Centre was established as an independent autonomous Inter-University Centre of UGC in May 1996 and set out to be a major player for promoting scholarly communication among academicians and researchers across the country.

The technology being a driving force in the contemporary education system, the UGC had taken up two major initiatives for academic community in universities under its purview. The first initiative, namely “UGC-Infonet Connectivity Programme” provides for networking of university campuses with state-of-the-art campus wide networks and Internet bandwidth, the second initiative called the “UGC-Infonet Digital Library Consortium” provides access to selected scholarly electronic journals and databases in different disciplines. The INFLIBNET is responsible for executing and monitoring both the initiatives.

The Centre has taken a number of steps so as to update the knowledge of LIS professionals in North-East and for keeping them abreast with new information technology. A national level convention called PLANNER is being organized every year in the North-Eastern region. Besides, the Centre has offered proactive help in automating libraries in North-Eastern states by provided them the SOUL Software (Software for University Libraries), developed by the Centre. The software was offered free-of-cost to 103 libraries with extensive training for its implementation.

The major activities of the Centre include development of software for automating libraries, development of web-based union databases of the library resources, promoting library automation, creation of ICT infrastructure in the universities through UGC-Infonet programme, facilitate access to e-resources to universities and colleges, promotion of usage of e-resources by developing online search-aids and tutorials. As such, the Centre has a lot to offer to personnel working in libraries and educational institutions in the North-Eastern Region.

Attachment Programme (ATP) at the INFLIBNET Centre

The INFLIBNET Centre is happy to launch “Attachment Training Programmes (ATP)” where-in working librarians and computer programmers from North-East can come to the Centre and spend three to six months working in the Centre on ongoing projects with experienced INFLIBNET staff. The trained personnel can go back to their colleges / universities with knowledge and know-how that they can implement in their libraries.

Eligibility Criteria

Young, qualified professionals working in the universities / colleges or other educational institutions in North Eastern region having at least three years of experience are eligible for the “Attachment Training Programmes (ATP)”. The candidates for “Attachment Training Programmes (ATP)” in Library Science should have Master Degree in Library and Information Sciences. Applicants having computer knowledge will be preferred.

Candidates for Attachment Training Programmes (ATP) in Computer Science should possess BCA, BE (Computer Science / Electronics / Electrical) or MCA.
The upper age limit for both the category is 45 years.

Professionals who are not working currently are not eligible for the ATP. Applications received other than person serving in the North-Eastern States will be summarily rejected.

Duration

Duration of the “Attachment Training Programme (ATP)” will be 3 months to 6 months. The applicant can opt for either three months or six months ATP depending on permission from his / her parent institution or his / her own preference. For the convenience of participants and administrative controlling authorities, candidates selected for the Attachment Training Programme would be allowed to visit their homes / offices during the training programme as mentioned below:

1. The candidates selected for Attachment Training Programme for a period of three months would be allowed to take one break of one to two months to visit his / her hometown and to attend his / her official duties once in a period of three months. The travel expenses of the trainee for the visit in the break period would be paid by the INFLIBNET Centre as per rules.

2. The candidates selected for Attachment Training Programme for a period of six months would be allowed to take two breaks to visit his / her hometown and to attend his / her official duties twice in a period of six months. The total period of both the visits would not be more than 4 months. The period of each visit can be decided by the selected candidate. The travel expenses of the trainee for the both visits in the break period would be paid by the INFLIBNET Centre as per rules.

Number of Participants: 4 (Two each in Library and Computer Science)

Local Hospitality

The INFLIBNET will provide local hospitality to the selected candidates which will include free accommodation at the INFLIBNET hostel, an allowance of Rs. 500.00 per day for a period of 3 / 6 months. The allowance will be paid on monthly basis. The selected candidates will have to manage his / her food expenses from the daily allowance.

Travel Expenses

The selected candidates will be paid to and fro fare (one-time on joining ATP and for the visits as referred above) from his work place to Ahmedabad as per the eligibility of the candidates and according to the rules and regulations of the Centre.

How to Apply?

Eligible Library / Computer professionals from North Eastern Region may apply for the “Attachment Training Programme (ATP)” in the prescribed Application Form along with a recent passport size photograph duly affixed in it, attested copies of certificates, and an undertaking from their employer stating that the candidate will be relieved from his / her duties for the specified period in the event of selection.

Application complete in all respect may be sent to the Administrative Officer (P&A) at the address given below within 20 days of publication of the advertisement. The Centre reserves the right to reject any application without assigning any reason.

Administrative Officer (P & A)
Opp. Gujarat University Guest House
Post Box No. 4116, Navrangpura
Ahmedabad, Gujarat - 380009
Tel: +91 79 26308528, 26304695, 26305971
Fax: +91 79 26300990 and 26307816
Application Form for Attachment Training Programme (ATP)  
(Library Science Or Computer Science) for North Eastern Region Only

1. Name of the Candidate
Surname…………………………………. First Name…………………………………..……….
Last Name……………………………………………………………………………………………

2. Permanent Residential Address:
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3. Date of Birth (upper age limit is 45 years):………………………………………

4. Present Designation:
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5. University/Institute Name:………………………………...
Name of University/Institute Address……………………………………………………..
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Telephone No. (with STD Code): Off………………………… Res:…………………………
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6. Educational Qualifications (with Subsidiary subject):

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a) For Library Science: Master’s Degree in Library and Information Science and knowledge of computer will be preferred
b) For Computer Science: BCA/BE (Comp. Science/Electricals/Electronics) or MCA

7. Experience (Area of Specialization) please be specific and precise (Minimum 3 years experience is required):
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8. Membership of Professional Bodies:
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9. Scholarship/Awards/Fellowship:
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10. Major achievements:
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11. Research Project handled (You may separate sheet, if the project handled by you is more than one):
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12. Duration of the ATP at INFLIBNET (please tick mark whichever applicable)
   1. Three months ☐
   2. Six months ☐

13. Additional information if required,
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I hereby certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge and information. The University/College permission for the ATP programme is attached herewith in a separate letter.

Signature of Candidate

Form is forwarded through the Head of the Institute
Stamp.............................................
To
The Director
Information and Library Network Centre (An IUC of UGC)
Post Box No. 4116, Near Gujarat University Guest House,
Navrangpura, Ahmedabad – 380 009, GUJARAT