

Encouraging Faculty Participation in UGC-MMTTC Refresher Course in Life Sciences (08-21 July 2026) – Reg.

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Sir / Madam,
 Greetings from Pondicherry University.

The UGC–Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), Pondicherry University, is organizing a Residential Refresher Course in Life Sciences from 08 July 2026 to 21 July 2026 for faculty members of affiliated colleges and Higher Education Institutions.

In the rapidly evolving academic and research environment, continuous professional development of faculty members has become essential. New developments in biotechnology, genomics, bioinformatics, neuroscience, climate science, drug discovery, and other emerging areas are transforming the way knowledge is generated and disseminated. Faculty members are therefore expected to regularly update their subject knowledge, pedagogical skills, research capabilities, and technological competencies to meet the expectations of modern higher education.

Participation in Refresher Courses offers several benefits:

Benefits to Faculty Members

- Enhances subject knowledge and domain expertise in emerging areas of Life Sciences.
- Improves teaching-learning practices through exposure to recent advances and innovative pedagogies.
- Strengthens research aptitude, interdisciplinary thinking, and publication potential.
- Contributes to career advancement and fulfills professional development requirements prescribed by UGC and other regulatory bodies.
- Supports eligibility and weightage considerations in academic performance assessment, promotion, and career progression under prevailing regulations.

Benefits to the College

- Facilitates the creation of a highly competent and updated faculty workforce.
- Enhances the academic quality and reputation of the institution.
- Strengthens research culture, innovation, and interdisciplinary collaborations.
- Contributes to improved student outcomes, accreditation processes, and institutional rankings.
- Supports the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) through continuous faculty capacity building.

Benefits to Students

- Ensures delivery of contemporary and industry-relevant knowledge in classrooms.

- Improves the quality of mentoring, project guidance, and research supervision.
- Provides exposure to recent scientific developments and emerging career opportunities.
- Creates a vibrant learning environment that promotes critical thinking and innovation.

In view of the above, you are kindly requested to nominate and encourage eligible faculty members from Life Sciences and allied disciplines to participate in this prestigious Refresher Course. The active participation of your faculty members will significantly contribute to both institutional excellence and professional growth. The course covers contemporary themes including:

- Recent Developments in Cell and Biotechnology
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Neuroscience and Cognitive Science
- Drug Discovery and Development
- Systems Biology and Synthetic Biology
- Nanotechnology in Biology
- Genomics and Proteomics
- Bioinformatics and Computational Biology
- Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
- Ecology and Climate Change
- Food Science and Technology

Faculty members may register through the UGC-MMTTC portal as per the instructions provided in the brochure. Necessary administrative support and permission may kindly be extended to eligible faculty members to facilitate their participation.

We look forward to the enthusiastic participation of faculty members from your institution in this important academic capacity-building programme.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

Regards,

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