

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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NAME PUJA SALUJA		POSITION TITLE Postdoctoral Scholar	
EDUCATION/TRAINING (Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, and include postdoctoral training.)			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
M.D.S University, Ajmer, INDIA	B. Sc.	1999	Life sciences
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Banasthali Vidvapeeth. Banasthali, INDIA	B. Ed.	2003	Education
Institute of Microbial Technology Chandigarh, INDIA.	Ph. D.	2009	Biodiversity and Genetics of Yeasts
Division of Biology, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA	Postdoctoral Scholar	Present	Huntingtons's Disease

A. Positions and Honors. List in chronological order previous positions, concluding with your present position. List any honors. Include present membership on any Federal Government public advisory committee.

Positions:

- 2003-2005 Junior Research Fellow at the Institute of Microbial Technology, Chandigarh, India (with Dr. G. S. Prasad).
- 2005-2009 Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Microbial Technology, Chandigarh, India (with Dr. G. S. Prasad)
- 2010- Postdoctoral Scholar in Biology at the California Institute of Technology (with Dr. Paul H. Patterson).

Honors:

- 2003-2005 Awarded Junior Research Fellowship by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Govt. of India.
- 2005-2009 Awarded Senior Research Fellowship by CSIR
- 2007 Travel fellowship to attend 11th International Conference of Culture Collections at Goslar, Germany.

B. Selected peer-reviewed publications (in chronological order). Do not include publications submitted or in preparation.

- Saluja, P. and G. S. Prasad. (2007) *Cryptococcus rajasthanensis* sp. nov., an anamorphic yeast species related to *Cryptococcus laurentii*, isolated from Rajasthan, India. Int. J. Syst. Evol. Microbiol. 57,414-418.
- Saluja, P. and G. S. Prasad. (2007). *Debaryomyces singareniensis* sp. nov., a novel yeast species isolated from a coal mine soil in India. FEMS Yeast Res. 3:482-488.

3. Saluja, P. and G. S. Prasad. (2008) *Candida ruelliae* sp. nov., a novel yeast species isolated from flowers of *Ruellia* sp. (Acanthaceae). FEMS Yeast Res. 8: 660-666.
4. Roy Choudhury, A. Saluja, P. and G. S. Prasad. (2010) Pullulan production by an osmotolerant *Aureobasidium pullulans* RBF-4A3 isolated from flowers of *Caesulia axillaris*. Carbohydrate Polymers (in Press).

C. Research Support. List selected ongoing or completed (during the last three years) research projects (federal and non-federal support). Begin with the projects that are most relevant to the research proposed in this application. Briefly indicate the overall goals of the projects and your role (e.g. PI, Co-Principal Investigator, Consultant) in the research project. Do not list award amounts or percent effort in projects.

None