

Applications are invited for One Junior Research Fellow (JRF) position at IISER Kolkata for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Research in Madhya Pradesh

We require **one Junior Research Fellow** for a project on '**Monitoring Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for Ecosystem Enhancement under the Green India Mission**', funded by the Government of Madhya Pradesh. The **JRF** will focus on assessment of **Faunal Diversity (Butterflies and Mammals)** to be carried out in **11 Forest Divisions** of Madhya Pradesh. The positions will be based at IISER Kolkata but will require **extensive time on fieldwork** in the forests of Madhya Pradesh, followed by landscape ecological analyses at IISER Kolkata.

Title of Project: Monitoring Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for Ecosystem Enhancement under the Green India Mission: Phase 2

- 1. Number of positions available:** One
- 2. Funding Agency:** Madhya Pradesh State Biodiversity Board, Bhopal,
- 3. Project PI:** Dr Robert John Chandran, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences, IISER Kolkata
- 4. Essential Qualifications:** Master's degree in Botany/ Forestry/ Zoology/ Environmental Sciences/ Ecology/ Wildlife Sciences/ Life Sciences as pertinent to the position. A minimum of one year of field research experience in ecology or biodiversity is essential. The ability for field taxonomy of butterflies and identification of large mammals from sign surveys is essential.
- 5. Desirable Qualifications:** Experience in field ecological research over multiple years in multiple sites is desirable. Applicants who have qualified CSIR/UGC NET-LS and/or GATE will be preferred.
- 6. Duration and Salary:** The employment will be for a period of **five months**, renewable to a maximum of **six months**. The selected candidates will be paid Rs. 31,000 monthly (consolidated). The travel, accommodation, and food costs during fieldwork will be borne by the project.
- 7. Age limit:** Not more than 32 years on the last date of application. Age relaxation will be as per GOI rules. Relaxation in age may be considered in case of exceptionally meritorious candidates.
- 8. How to Apply:** Interested candidates should send a detailed CV by email to **tecollab.iiserk@gmail.com**, along with scanned mark sheets, certificates, and proof of work experience. Please indicate subject as "**Project JRF Fauna**"
- 9. Last date and time for receiving applications:** **June 16, 2024**, midnight.
- 10. Interview:** Shortlisted candidates will first be called for an online interaction and formal interview. The candidates may send an email to **tecollab.iiserk@gmail.com** if they have any queries.

Terms and Conditions

- Selected candidates are expected to undertake exhaustive fieldwork.
- All posts are purely temporary and contractual in nature.