

## Advertisement of Junior Research Fellow

Applications are invited for the post of Junior Research Fellow (JRF) for the project titled: **‘Nature in Asia: Biodiversity Conservation in India, China and Bhutan’**. This is part of a larger project funded by Social Science Research Council (New York) and implemented by IITGN. The project aims to examine the impact of globalization on human-nature relations in three Asian countries (Indian China and Bhutan). By analyzing community-based conservation initiatives, the project will focus on how the relations of the indigenous people with local wildlife (tigers, elephants, rhinos, apes, hornbills) has transformed over time. The project aims to understand how the indigenous people perceive the ideas of wildlife conservation brought in by the transnational NGOs and government agencies.

Applications are invited for JRF to carryout research within India. The position is full-time and for one year. The candidate may also apply for a PhD position at a later stage. The planned starting date of the position is August 2017.

Essential Qualification: MA (Sociology, Anthropology, Ecological Sciences (with training in social science research methods) from a recognized university with atleast 60% marks. Candidates with 1 or 2 years of field research with research institutes/NGOs will be preferred.

A successful candidate should be able to:

- Design and conduct research to examine community-based wildlife conservation projects
- Able to independently carry out social research in villages, administer questionnaire, analyze data, organize meetings and prepare scientific reports and publications
- Candidates should have strong field experience and be interested in travelling an doing field research
- Assist in teaching courses on human-environment, if needed

Education, experience and technical skills:

- Knowledge and experience in wildlife /forest policy/community-based natural resource management, and/or environmental governance
- Fluency in English and have excellent writing skills. Should be able to speak Hindi.
- Excellent analytical skills.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, experienced in working with local communities/NGOs/government organizations
- Take initiative and capable of working independently as well as in groups

Salary: Rs. 25,000 per month (consolidated). This salary is as per the rules of Ministry of Science and Technology for which candidate must have cleared UGC-NET.

Candidates who are interested in applying should send the following to [natureinasia@gmail.com](mailto:natureinasia@gmail.com)

(1) CV

(2) A covering letter stating why they are qualified to apply for this position.

Selection will be based on interview and shortlisted candidates will be intimated well in advance the date and time of interview.

Application closes: June 30<sup>th</sup>

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