

**Applications are invited for one Research Associate (RA) position at IISER Kolkata for  
Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Research in Madhya Pradesh**

We require one Research Associate 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 work involves **biodiversity monitoring** and **modelling of biodiversity corridors** in Madhya Pradesh. The RA will also have to supervise a team of junior researchers imparting training on biodiversity monitoring to the village-level Biodiversity Monitoring Committee members. The position 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:** A minimum of 5 years of ecological research experience (excluding MSc/MTech dissertation) or a Ph.D. on an ecology related topic is essential. Candidates who have submitted their Ph.D. thesis are also eligible. Knowledge of Remote Sensing and GIS, landscape ecological analyses, and biodiversity analyses is essential to the applicant's candidature. The candidate must have prior experience (substantiated by publications in peer-reviewed journals) on modelling wildlife/ecological corridors and in managing research projects. Prior experience of field ecological research in Madhya Pradesh is essential.
5. **Age limit:** Not more than 35 years on the last date of application. Age relaxation as per GOI rules.
6. **Desirable Qualifications:** Applicants who have qualified CSIR/UGC-NET/JRF and/or GATE will be preferred.
7. **Duration and Salary:** The employment will be for a maximum period of 12 months. The selected candidate will be paid Rs. 47,000 monthly (consolidated).
8. **How to Apply:** Interested candidates are requested to fill out the Google form <https://forms.gle/TWUpcZ8mLBSUHv3F7> and upload their detailed CV along with other documents.
9. **Last date and time for receiving applications:** 7 February 2023, till 11 pm
10. **Interview:** The shortlisted candidates will receive a call letter mentioning the time and date of the **online interview** via email. The candidates may send an email to [tecollab.iiserk@gmail.com](mailto:tecollab.iiserk@gmail.com) if they have any queries.

**Terms and Conditions**

- a) Selected candidate is expected to undertake exhaustive fieldwork for several months at a stretch.
- b) The project will commence in February 2023, and the selected candidate is expected to join immediately after selection.
- c) The post is purely temporary and contractual in nature.
- d) The number of candidates to be shortlisted will be decided on the basis of the applications received. Mere fulfilment of the eligibility criteria does not guarantee a call for an interview.
- e) The appointment of the candidate will be governed by the terms and conditions of the said project of the funding agency.