

**Applications are invited for Four Project Intern positions at IISER Kolkata for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Research in Madhya Pradesh**

We require **four Project Interns** for a project on '**Monitoring Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for Ecosystem Enhancement under the Green India Mission**', funded by the Government of Madhya Pradesh. Two **Intern positions** are available for **plant diversity research** and two for **landscape ecological analysis** for GIM Forest Divisions in Madhya Pradesh.

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

- 1. Number of positions available:** Two (Plant Diversity) + Two (Landscape Ecology)
- 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/Environmental Sciences/ Ecology/Life Sciences/Geoinformatics/Geography as pertinent to the position. Field research experience and ability for field botany is essential for **plant diversity positions**. Experience with GIS/RS, GEE, and other landscape ecological tools are necessary for the **landscape ecology positions**.
- 5. Desirable Qualifications:** Experience in field ecological research or landscape ecological analysis using GIS/RS, Google Earth Engine, R and PYTHON is desirable.
- 6. Duration and Salary:** The employment will begin immediately and go until 06 November 2024, after which the candidate is encouraged to work on voluntary basis for one extra month. The selected candidates will be paid Rs. 15,000 per month (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 may appear for an interview on **July 26, 2024, Friday, during 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM** at **Room No. 219, TRC Building, IISER Kolkata, Mohanpur 741246, West Bengal**.

Online interview is possible but not preferred. Candidates who are unable to attend the interview in person may call +91 9449040468 and check for eligibility for the online interview.