Applications are invited for three Project interns (Field work) under an MoE STARS project at IISER Kolkata on adaptive strategies of tree species in central India

We require three **Project Interns (Field Workers)** for a project on 'Investigating adaptive strategies of forest trees to temperature and water stress to inform climate-resilient forestation in central India', funded by the Government of India. The **Interns** will carry out field research and analysis on plant functional traits for 7 forest divisions of Madhya Pradesh. The position is based at IISER Kolkata

Title of Project: 'Investigating adaptive strategies of forest trees to temperature and water stress to inform climate-resilient forestation in Central India'.

1.Number of positions available: 3
2.Funding Agency: STARS- Ministry of Education, Government of India, New Delhi
3.Project PI: Dr Robert John Chandran, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences, IISER Kolkata
4.Essential Qualifications: A bachelor's or master's degree in Botany/Forestry/Environmental Sciences/ Ecology/ with knowledge and orientation in plant functional trait analysis. A minimum of six months of research experience (including MSc/BSc dissertation) in plant ecology is highly desirable.
5.Desirable Qualifications: The candidate must be physically fit to work in harsh arid/semi-arid conditions in tough terrain. The ability for field taxonomy of plants and trait analysis is also deemed important.
6.Duration and Salary: The employment will be for a period of 6 months. The selected candidates will be paid Rs 18,000 per month (consolidated).
7.Age limit: Not more than 28 years on the last date of application. Age relaxation will be as per GOI rules.
8.How to Apply: Interested candidates are requested to send by email a detailed CV, which includes a clear statement of suitability for the position, along with the scanned mark sheets, certificates, and proof of work experience to the email address tecollab.iiserk@gmail.com. Include the subject line **"Project Intern (functional traits)"**
9.Last date and time for receiving applications: 20th December 2023, 11:59 pm
10.Interview: Shortlisted candidates will first be called for an online interaction with the project proponents for initial screening after which the candidates will be further shortlisted for a formal interview. The shortlisted candidates will receive a call letter mentioning the time and date of the interview/interaction via email. The formal interview will be conducted online or onsite at IISER Kolkata campus, depending on preference of the candidate. No TA/DA will be provided to the candidate for the interview.

Terms and Conditions

a) The project is ongoing, and the selected candidates are expected to join immediately after selection.
b) All posts are purely temporary and contractual in nature.
c) The number of candidates to be shortlisted will be decided based on the applications received. Mere fulfilment of the eligibility criteria does not guarantee a call for an interview.
d) The appointment of the candidate will be governed by the terms and conditions of the said project of the funding agency.