

Walk-in interview for the position of Project Associate in a project to be undertaken in the Centre for Climate and Environmental Studies at IISER Kolkata.

Project Title: Microplastic assessment, plastisphere microbiome metagenomics, and sensitization of local communities in Chilika Lagoon, Odisha, India

Funding Agency: Department of Biotechnology, Government of India

Temporary position: Project Associate-I

Number of vacancy- 1

Salary- Rs 25,000 + HRA (as per rule)

Age Limit- Must not be over 35 years as on 23rd March, 2026 which can be relaxed for certain reserved categories as per rules of Government of India. Relaxation in age, educational qualifications or experience may be considered in case of exceptionally meritorious candidates.

Background of the project: The project intends to assess microplastic, microbial communities associated with the microplastic and exploring ways to tackle microplastic in Chilika Lagoon, the largest lagoon of Asia. The project will be collaboratively undertaken with Chilika Development Authority (CDA). The position will be initially for a period of one year. The position will be extended based on satisfactory performance of the candidate. For further details about the project please write to Prof. Punyasloke Bhadury at pbhadury@iiserkol.ac.in

Qualifications: Master's degree in Natural or Agricultural Sciences/MVSc or Bachelor's degree in Engineering or Technology or Medicine from a recognized University or equivalent. Experience with conducting field sampling activities in aquatic biotopes, previous studies on microplastic in aquatic biotopes and GATE qualifications would be welcome.

Date of walk-in interview: 23rd March, 2026.

Venue of interview: Lab M254, Second Floor, Research Complex, IISER Kolkata; Reporting Time: 915 AM

Address to reach the venue can be accessed at:

<https://www.iiserkol.ac.in/web/en/contact-us/how-reach/#gsc.tab=0>