WALK-IN INTERVIEW advertisement for Project Assistant openings as part of a project to be undertaken in the Centre for Climate and Environmental Studies/Department of Biological Sciences at IISER Kolkata.

Project Title: Deriving biodiversity estimates for selected landscapes in Madhya Pradesh via eDNA methodology

Funding Agency: The Nature Conservancy India

Temporary position: Project Assistant

Number of vacancy- 2

Salary- Rs 30,000 per month (consolidated)

Age Limit- Must not be over 35 years as on 20th July, 2026 which can be relaxed for certain reserved categories as per rules of the Government of India. Relaxation in age, educational qualifications or experience may be considered in case of exceptionally meritorious candidates.

Background of the project: Climate change and biodiversity loss are affecting functional integrity of ecosystems and dependent human communities. In this project, environmental DNA (eDNA) will be used as a tool to address questions of biodiversity across landscapes of Madhya Pradesh to better understand integrity of ecosystems. The positions will be initially for three months and can extended by one year subject to satisfactory performance. For further details about the project please write to Prof. Punyasloke Bhadury at pbhadury@iiserkol.ac.in

Qualifications: Master's degree in Natural Science including in the areas of Environmental Science/Microbiology/Ecology/Zoology/Biotechnology/Botany. Proven experience conducting field sampling in landscapes of Madhya Pradesh as well as previous experience with environmental DNA or molecular tools linked to environmental DNA would be welcome.

Venue of interview: Walk-in interview will be held on 20th July, 2026 in Lab M254, Second Floor, Research Complex, IISER Kolkata; Reporting Time: 930 AM

Address to reach the venue can be accessed at: https://www.iiserkol.ac.in/web/en/contact-us/how-reach/#gsc.tab=0