



School of Social Sciences

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Recruitment of Research Assistant and Field Investigator for ICSSR Project

Applications are invited for the post of Research Assistant and Field Investigator for the ICSSR-funded project under the scheme of Family and Family Systems in India (2025-26) titled **“Family and Birthright (Cherulanmam) in the Sacred Complex of Kaliyattam in South India”** at the School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala.

Details of Vacancy

Sl. No.	Project Staff	No. of Vacant Posts	Monthly Remuneration/ Emoluments	Period of Appointment	Required Qualifications
1.	Research Assistant	1	Rs. 37,000/- p.m.	12 months	Post Graduate in Social Science discipline (55% minimum) with NET/ M.Phil./ Ph.D. Desirable: 1.) Disciplinary specialization: Anthropology, Sociology, History, 2.) Expertise in studies on kinship and rituals.
2.	Field Investigator	1	Rs. 20,000/- p.m.	6 months	Post Graduate in Social Science Discipline with a minimum 55% marks. Desirable: 1.) M.A. in Anthropology, Sociology, History, 2.) Familiarity with Studies on kinship and rituals.

Task Description

Researchers are expected to perform both office desk work (academic as well as financial accounting) and ethnographic field research in the Kannur and Kasaragod districts of Kerala.

Specific requirements are as follows: Thorough examination of literature and theories on the thematic area and preparation of a detailed research design and plan; Preparation of ethnographic study instruments (questionnaire, interview schedule, among others); Intensive data collection across the two districts; Data documentation and analysis; Research paper writing, publication and seminar presentations; Preparation of interim reports and draft report.

Application Procedure

Interested candidates are requested to submit their application to the Project Director through email to anilgopi@mgu.ac.in. The application must consist of a cover letter with a brief statement of purpose, a detailed CV, relevant certificates of qualifications and publications, all compiled into a single PDF. Only shortlisted candidates will be called for the interview. No TA/DA will be paid for attending the interview.

The last date for accepting applications is **26 January 2026**.

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