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Required Post-Doctoral Fellow (01 No) at Centre for Water Policy and Governance, School of Habitat Studies at TISS-Mumbai Campus [Under the project: Jal Jeevan Mission Chair Professor]

The Tata Institute of Social Sciences (www.tiss.edu), established in the year 1936 is a Deemed to be University, fully funded by the University Grants Commission, Govt of India. TISS is a Grade I University with NAAC score of 3.89/4 and is ranked 60 under NIRF University Rank Category for 2022.

With campuses at Mumbai (Main) and off-campus at Tuljapur, Guwahati and Hyderabad, TISS offers over 52 Post Graduate programmes, 18 Doctoral programmes, and 4 Under Graduate programmes in a range of socially relevant inter-disciplinary and applied social science disciplines, and over 30 B.Voc. programmes.

The Centre for Water Policy and Governance (CWPRG) The Centre for Water Policy and Governance was set up along with the School of Habitat Studies in 2006. The CWPG had been involved primarily in the research and advocacy activities for a period of three years since its inception in the area of water-regulation in Maharashtra, as well as at the national level. The Centre was actively involved in collaborative research, networking, providing knowledge and analytical support to advocacy campaigns. In addition, it has been making notable contributions to policy-making at various levels through research and outreach activities. The Centre also conducts a Master's Programme in the areas of Water Policy and Governance since 2012-13.

The Centre for Water Policy and Governance (CWPG), School of Habitat Studies invites application for One Post (01 No) of Post-Doctoral Research Fellow (PDRF) initially for a period of one year and extendable up to one more year.

- The candidate is expected to have a strong orientation to social sciences and or development studies with an orientation to drinking water issues in rural/peri urban settings.
- The work profile of the centre is interdisciplinary in nature, interconnecting issues of natural science and social sciences and demands strong quantitative and qualitative skills and good writing acumen.
- The primary responsibility of the candidate would be to conduct research on rural drinking water and sanitation (Rural WATSAN) issues with a focus on National Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat Mission in selected states of India, including writing reports and journal articles
- The candidate would also be responsible for
 - Supporting a team of Research Assistants (RAs) and Junior Research Fellows (PhD Candidates) working under the overall guidance of Chair Professor.

- Designing field engagement for masters-students in the ways in which it would mutually benefit students and coordinating field-work activities of the students.

Remuneration: Rs. 75000 [Consolidated]

About the project:

The Centre for Water Policy and Governance, TISS has been awarded with the prestigious project titled as, "Jal Jeevan Mission Chair Professor". This project involves conducting research on the theme of decentralized governance on rural drinking water schemes in general and National Jal Jeevan Mission in particular. The project also focuses on organizing capability building workshops and trainings for public officials and other stakeholders. The JJM team is mandated to function as a think tank, organize policy roundtables and dissemination workshop on the institutional issues pertaining to rural drinking water and sanitation.

Eligibility Criteria: Educational Qualification: Eligibility (A or B):

A.

i) A Master's degree with 55% marks (or an equivalent grade in a point-scale wherever the grading system is followed) in Political Science/ Sociology/Economics/Law/Environmental Sciences/Engineering (preferably civil/mechanical/Environmental/Water), or an interdisciplinary degree having exposure to social and natural sciences from an Indian or accredited foreign university.

ii) In addition, the candidate must have been awarded a Ph.D. degree in Political Economy/Sustainability Studies/Water Governance/Development Studies/Public policy or similar. Doctoral studies completed with a multi-disciplinary approach would be desirable.

(Note: the degree should be in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2009 or 2016 and their amendments from time to time:

- a) The Ph.D. degree of the candidate has been awarded in a regular mode;
- b) The Ph.D. thesis has been evaluated by at least two external examiners;
- c) An open Ph.D. viva voce of the candidate has been conducted;
- d) The candidate has published two research papers from his/her Ph.D. work, out of which at least one is in a referred journal;
- e) The candidate has presented at least two papers based on his/her Ph.D. work in conferences/seminars sponsored/funded/supported by the UGC/ICSSR/CSIR or any similar agency.)

The fulfilment of these conditions is to be certified by the Registrar or the Dean (Academic Affairs) of the University concerned.

OR

B. The Ph.D. degree has been obtained from a foreign university/institution with a ranking among top 500 in the World University Ranking (at any time) by any one of the following:

- i. Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)
- ii. the Times Higher Education (THE) or

- iii. the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) of the Shanghai Jiao Tong University (Shanghai).

Desirable qualifications (Additional):

- Exposure/experience in urban/rural drinking WATSAN policies or practices through research or conduction of training/capability building programs would be an added advantage
- Strong publication record is essential.

Other Conditions:

- The Institute reserves the right to relax the qualifications of the candidate based on the work experience and to relax age in the case of persons already holding comparable positions in a University/Research Institution of repute.
- The Institute reserves the right to invite persons for interviews who may not have applied as per the above procedure and not fill up the vacancy advertised.
- Since applications received may be short-listed, merely possessing the prescribed qualifications and the requisite experience would not entitle a person to be called for the interview.
- The post is unreserved, but candidates belonging to the reserved category are strongly encouraged to apply.
- No queries or correspondence regarding the issue of call letter for interview/selection of candidates for the post will be entertained at any stage and canvassing in any form is strictly prohibited and will lead to the candidate being debarred from consideration for the post.
- The candidate under employment must produce a 'No Objection Certificate' from their employer to appear for an interview.
- No TA/DA is payable for appearing for the interview, in case of an offline interview.
- In case of any inadvertent error in the advertisement and in the process of recruitment, which may be detected at any stage, even after issuing the appointment order, the Institute reserves the right to modify/withdraw/cancel any communication made to the candidate(s).

The candidates are requested to apply online by sending their resume (along with the synopsis of the PhD thesis and/or the copy of one published journal article) at jjmcp.tiss@gmail.com.

The last date for submission of online applications will be 20nd August, 2025

Verification of documents: The shortlisted candidates are required to send scanned copies of their coloured passport size photograph, and self-attested photocopies of relevant certificates in support of the essential qualification & experience. Original certificates will be verified only for the selected candidate at the time of appointment.

Note: The selected candidate has to join the post within 15 days of intimation of selection.

Officiating Registrar