

Call for Applications: Research Assistant

Project: Climate Change and Water Safety in Maharashtra

Collaborative Study between the University of East Anglia, UK and Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

Participating Centres:

- Centre for Health and Mental Health (CHMH), School of Social Work, TISS
- Centre for Community Organisation and Development Practice (CODP), School of Social Work, TISS
- Jamsetji Tata School of Disaster Studies (JTSDS), TISS

Position: Research Assistant

Location: Mumbai, with field visits to selected rural and coastal districts of Maharashtra

Duration: 6 months (extendable based on performance and project needs)

Salary: **₹55,000 per month** (consolidated)

About the Project

This collaborative study examines the interlinkages between climate change, environmental hazards, and drowning risk in Maharashtra. The project adopts a participatory and community-based approach to risk assessment, planning, and local adaptation strategies to inform evidence-based prevention and resilience-building measures.

Key Responsibilities

- Conduct fieldwork in selected rural and coastal districts of Maharashtra, including remote locations.
- Undertake qualitative data collection through interviews, focus group discussions, and participatory mapping.
- Support data transcription, translation (Marathi–English), and basic analysis.
- Liaise with local authorities, community representatives, and partner organisations.
- Assist in preparing reports, presentations, and dissemination materials.

Essential Qualifications

- Master's degree in Social Work, Disaster Management, Public Health, Environmental Studies, Geography, or a related social science discipline.
- Proficiency in written and spoken English.
- Fluency in Marathi (reading, writing, and speaking) is essential.
- Willingness to travel to rural and remote areas for fieldwork.

Desirable Skills and Experience

- Experience in community-based risk assessment, disaster risk reduction, or participatory planning.
- Familiarity with climate change adaptation, environmental health and public health linkages.
- Prior experience in qualitative research, data collection, or participatory rural appraisal (PRA) methods.
- Strong coordination and interpersonal skills for engaging with local institutions and communities.
- Knowledge of GIS and remote sensing

Application Process

Interested candidates may send their CV (maximum 3 pages) and a brief statement of purpose (up to 500 words) describing relevant experience and motivation to: brinelledsouza@tiss.ac.in, kamblemahesh@tiss.ac.in, r_mammen@tiss.ac.in with the subject line: “Application – Research Assistant (Climate Change and Water Safety Study in Maharashtra)”

Last Date to Apply: December 31, 2025]

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview (online/offline).