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**Position advertised:** Project Assistant

**Number of vacancies:** One

**Duration:** One year (renewable subject to performance and availability of project funding)

**Last date to apply:** 1st October 2021

**Location:** The position does not require the individual to be based at Bengaluru, but will involve a few months of stay in Ganjam, Odisha.

### **Project Details:**

Dakshin's [Communities and Resource Governance \(CRG\) Programme](#) works on strengthening coastal community capacities to engage with governance processes. This includes working on demystifying law, promoting environmental governance reform, undertaking research and direct interventions of coastal environmentalism. The present project positions are towards hiring personnel to work on a specific project but also to undertake activities that enable the growth of the CRG programme.

Dakshin was actively involved in COVID-19 related lockdown relief in 2020. The CRG is working with Dakshin's [Community Wellbeing and Environment Programme](#) to execute a project to support state-civil society partnerships to safeguard India's itinerant maritime fisheries labour, from India's numerous small scale fishing (SSF) families. The aim of our project is to build 'Infrastructures of COVID-19 Resilience' in select villages in Ganjam, Odisha and Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu in collaboration with our long-term partners at these sites.

The project has certain targeted and time-bound components a) building grassroots leadership capabilities among youth from select fishing villages, b) building community-based databases of SSF to make migration processes safer, c) to experiment with ICT technologies to build a community emergency communication system and d) to share and disseminate knowledge on important coastal governance provisions.

## **Chief responsibilities of the Project Assistant**

1. Undertake field travel, organise meetings and engage with the fishing communities and other stakeholders at field sites of Ganjam.
2. Undertake research assistance under the guidance of the supervisors.
3. Perform necessary administrative responsibilities.
4. Stay in Ganjam and coordinate closely with local partner organisations.

## **Candidates must possess the following basic qualifications/skills:**

1. Master's degree in social sciences with minimum of one year of work experience demonstrating independent field work experience in projects relating to environment / development or Bachelor's degree in social sciences with minimum three years of work experience.
2. A basic understanding of issues related to development, conservation and environmental governance in India.
3. Ability and commitment to working with rural marginalised communities
4. Ability to independently organise group meetings and undertake field logistics and coordination.
5. Good written and verbal communication skills in Odiya or Telugu (compulsory).

**Remuneration:** Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and work experience, in line with our internal policy. Travel and accommodation on field will be covered by the project.

## **How to apply:**

Please email your interest in applying for the position to [apply.dakshinfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:apply.dakshinfoundation@gmail.com) with the subject line "Application for position of PA Infrastructures of Resilience" and you will be sent an online form to fill in the details necessary to process your application.

This position will be filled as soon as a suitable candidate is identified; interested individuals are therefore requested to apply immediately. Short-listed candidates will be notified for an online interview in the first week of **October**.

## **About us:**

Dakshin Foundation is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation based at Bangalore, India, with a mission to inform and advocate conservation and natural resource management, while promoting and supporting sustainable livelihoods, social development and environmental justice. Please look at our website to learn about our intervention and research projects at [www.dakshin.org](http://www.dakshin.org).