Opportunity with Dakshin Foundation

**Position:** Co-ordinator, Centre for Island Sustainability, Andaman Nicobar Environment Team (ANET), Dakshin Foundation

**Last date to apply:** February 15, 2022. The position will be filled as soon as a suitable candidate is identified; therefore, interested individuals are requested to apply immediately and not wait till the deadline.

**Location:** The position will be primarily based at the ANET field station in the Andaman Islands and will involve local travel as well as travel to the headquarters (Dakshin Foundation, Bangalore).

**Duration:** Long-term position with a 6 month probationary period.

**Project details:** The Andaman Nicobar Environment Team (ANET) is a multidisciplinary research hub, environmental conservation and education centre in the Andaman Islands. ANET’s aim is to address issues of contemporary significance to the islands and to develop effective conservation strategies based on a sound understanding of the islands’ diverse social-ecological systems. To address issues of emerging conservation significance in the islands, ANET will house the Centre for Island Sustainability (CIS), a multidisciplinary marine and terrestrial research centre that covers a range of vital themes of contemporary significance to the islands. These range from short term projects that target themes of immediate urgency to those addressing long-term challenges. A main objective of this initiative is to build inhouse expertise as well as to supplement research capacities by incorporating a network of highly qualified researchers from collaborating institutions.

**Position details:** We invite applications from suitable candidates for the position of Co-ordinator, CIS. While this is a long-term position, we will initially offer a one-year position to the successful candidate, to be renewed on the basis of performance and mutual fit. The position requires an independent, dynamic, enterprising and organised individual to fulfil the responsibilities outlined below. The Co-ordinator will report to senior management staff at Dakshin Foundation.

**Chief responsibilities:**

a) Oversee the development of the research programme at CIS. This includes the execution of research ideas, planning and management of field research.

b) Oversee, develop and conduct training programmes, field courses and research modules for partner organisations, students and other target groups.
c) Develop facilitation engagements and partnerships with academic, research and educational institutions in India and abroad.
d) Build partnerships with community members, local NGOs and government representatives, identify and develop mutually beneficial collaborations for research and local action.
e) Assist in the development and production of research reports and content including outreach materials and popular articles.
f) Develop fundraising proposals and assist with fundraising and profile-building activities for CIS and ANET.
g) Supervise and mentor researchers or interns as needed.

Candidates must possess the following basic qualifications and skills:

a) A Ph.D. or Master’s degree in conservation science/ environmental science or associated field.
b) Adequate post-graduate experience (preferably 2 years or more) in conducting social or ecological research, training, co-ordination and project management.
c) Strong interpersonal and communication skills and ability to work with team members and senior scientists.
d) A basic understanding of issues related to conservation and development, economic inclusion, conservation and environmental governance in India.
e) Ability and commitment to travel and work with rural communities, remote field conditions and poor connectivity.
f) Along with fluency in English, candidates with a working knowledge of Hindi, Bengali or Telugu will be preferred.
g) Ability to independently organise meetings and training programmes, undertake field logistics and coordination.

Remuneration: Starting at ~ INR 5-7 lakhs p.a., salary will be commensurate with qualifications and work experience, in line with our internal policy. Travel to and accommodation in the field will be covered by the project.

How to apply: Please email your interest in applying for the position to apply.dakshinfoundation@gmail.com with the subject line “Application for position of Co-ordinator, CIS” and you will be sent an online form to fill in the details necessary to process your application.

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