



## ATREE Invites Applications for Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Programme in Conservation Science and Sustainability Studies

The Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), Bengaluru, invites applications for admission to its **Doctoral Research Programme**, recognized by Manipal University, for the academic year starting July 2011. Applications are invited from highly motivated students with a Master's degree in any branch of the social or natural sciences. Students will undergo intensive course work and will be expected to undertake independent research on any environmental topic under a multi-disciplinary dissertation committee. Students are expected to join the programme full-time. Fellowship will be provided for at least 2 years of the programme.

### Eligibility

1. Master's degree in any social or natural science or engineering discipline
2. Must have qualified for one of the following entrance exams: UGC-CSIR (minimum NET), GATE, ICSSR, or equivalent qualifying exam OR have a M.Phil. degree OR have published at least one peer-reviewed paper as lead author or co-author OR have some demonstrated research ability OR based on evaluation of Statement of Research.

### Application

- Candidates seeking admission for the Ph.D. programme at ATREE should submit the following documents:
1. Completed application form (download from [http://www.atree.org/phd\\_prog\\_2011](http://www.atree.org/phd_prog_2011))
  2. Copy of degree certificate, provisional degree, or mark sheets from previous semesters of the completed Master's course
  3. Written statement of research and career goals (up to 1000 words)
  4. Confidential reference letters from two referees.

The completed application form and supporting documents should be submitted by e-mail, post or fax to the address below by **25 April 2011**. Please superscribe the envelope '**Application for Ph.D. programme**'.

Applicants who fulfil the eligibility requirements will be called for an interview at ATREE, Bengaluru after **10 May 2011**. Detailed information on the Ph.D. programme and research interests of the faculty can be obtained at [http://www.atree.org/phd\\_program](http://www.atree.org/phd_program).

### About ATREE

ATREE was established in 1996 and is fast emerging as one of the South Asia's leading conservation and sustainable development research organizations, with a strong interdisciplinary emphasis. ATREE's research covers the broad themes of environment and development, biodiversity and conservation. Areas of specialization include biodiversity conservation, environmental governance, ecosystem functions and services, ecological agriculture, water management, urban environments, and development and environmental change. Disciplines represented in the faculty (see <http://atree.org/faculty>) include ecology, taxonomy and eco-hydrology, landscape ecology and water resources, as well as economics, development studies, sociology, history, and political ecology. As the programme is broadening its focus, social science students with interest in environmental issues are particularly encouraged to apply.

ATREE fosters diversity and gender equity at the work place. Women and persons from underprivileged groups are especially encouraged to apply.

E-mail the completed application form to [phd@atree.org](mailto:phd@atree.org), or post it to the address below:

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