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- Knowledge Based Digital Signal Processing Techniques
- Cyber Security for Modern Strategic Systems
- History, Geography and GIS in Strategic Studies
- Landscape Archaeology: Geospatial Analysis for Cultural Heritage
- Megaliths
- History and Archaeology of South India
- Contemporary Archaeology and Heritage
- Early Temples and Monumental Architecture in India
- Materials and Metals Archaeology and Craft Heritage
- Archaeoastronomy in India
- Consciousness and Health
- Machines, Humans and Minds
- Indigenous Communities, their Health Traditions and Life Narratives
- Music Signal Processing
- Causality Testing and Causal Learning Algorithms
- Philosophy of Science, Epistemology, Philosophy of Physics
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- Behavioral Ecology of Freshwater Fishes
- Energy Policy and Regulation
- Modelling Interconnections between Energy, Environment and the Economy
- Energy Transitions in Developing Economies
- Life Cycle Cost Analysis of Thermal Power Plants, Solar and Wind Energy
- Global Climate Change Mitigation Policy
- Aquatic Ecosystems and Water Sustainability
- Integrated Water Resources Modelling and Management
- Air Pollution Modelling
- Science and Risk Communication
- Human Reliability Programme
- Sociology of Education Policy
- Globalization and Higher Education
- Vocational and Higher Education
- Education of the Gifted and Mentorship
- Science and Gender
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Please note that the Institute will accept applications submitted by online only. The deadline for receiving application with all required documents by online is 20 April 2020.

Short-listed candidates will be invited for a written test and interviews on 8 and 9 of June 2020.

For additional information, applicants may contact: jnsandhya@nias.res.in, admin@nias.res.in

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URL: [http://mceccr.in/](http://mceccr.in/)

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**Positions available**

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For more details regarding essential qualifications and desirable qualification/experience, please visit
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