Central Soil Salinity Research Institute
RRS Canning, South 24-Parganas, West Bengal 743 329

Under the National Agricultural Technology Project implemented by ICAR at Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, RRS Canning the following post to be filled on temporary basis for the years 2002–2003 or termination of the Project whichever is earlier.

Institution Village Linkage Programme (IVLP), through Technology Assessment and Refinement (TAR) in Sundarbans under Coastal Agro-Ecosystem

Name of the Post : Research Associate
No. of post : 1 (One)
Qualification essential : M.Sc. in Agronomy/Horticulture/Vegetable Crops/Ag. Extension/Ag. Economics/Soil Science/Ag. Botany/Soil and Water Engineering
Desirable : (a) Experience in conducting experiments in the field, (b) Collection and analysis of experimental data, (c) Experience in village survey and Socio-economic data collection and analysis.
Pay : Rs 8800/- p.m. for M.Sc. and Rs 10,500/- p.m. for Ph.D. candidates, consolidated + admissible allowances as per ICAR rules.

Candidate who fulfills the above qualifications should appear in a walk-in-interview to be held at the above address on 15 March 2002 at 10.30 am. Candidates shall bring the following documents during the interview: (i) Original certificates of educational qualifications and its attested copies, (ii) Testimonials of character from two responsible gazetted officers, (iii) Relevant publications, (iv) A brief of research work carried during post graduation, (v) Proof of age (Age: 35 years for General, relaxation for SC/ST by 5 years and for OBC by 3 years), (vi) No objection certificate from the employer in case of employment elsewhere, (vii) Experience certificate in original, if any. No TA/DA is admissible for attending the interview.

Course in Conservation Biology for Senior Graduate and Post-Graduate students

Protecting and conserving India’s biodiversity is a challenging and complex task. There has never been a more critical need for well-trained professionals in our combined efforts to conserve India’s rich natural heritage. As a small, but significant step to meet this need, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) ATREE is offering a comprehensive field-based course on conservation biology with an emphasis on sound scientific principles that under gird the practice of conservation. The course will provide the students with an opportunity to learn the basics of conservation science from some leading conservation biologists in the country. It will provide rigorous training in conservation biology as a separate discipline but will integrate socio-economic issues into the training curricula.

The course will focus on conservation issues at the regional level but with a global perspective.

A set of 16–18 lectures will complement several exercises in the field that will expose students to concepts, and techniques of conservation biology. The 7–8 day fieldwork at ATREE’s field station in Biligiri Rangan Hills and other sites in the Western Ghats is designed to maximize the student’s exposure to real-life field situations.

Eligibility: First class B.Sc. or equivalent. The course is intended for senior undergraduate and postgraduate students with a keen interest in nature and conservation. Number of participants will be limited to 20.

Dates: The 15-day course is scheduled for the first week of May 2002.

Application process: An application from the participant should contain 1. A one-page justification by the candidate of why this course is important to him or her. 2. Demonstrated aptitude or interest in the area of natural resource conservation – published articles, essays, other relevant activities and membership. 3. Recommendation by the Department Head or concerned supervisor and 4. Good academic record including a minimum of a First class in B.Sc. or other disciplines.

The course fee is subsidized at Rs 1000/- and includes boarding, lodging and course material. Travel expenses to and from Bangalore will have to be borne by the participants.

Kindly send your application to Dr. T. Ganesh by e-mail: tganesh@atree.org or fax or post it before 15 March 2002 to: Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), No. 659, 5th A Main, Hebbal, Bangalore 560 024, India. Ph: 91-80-3533942; Fax: 91-80-3530070.