



Doctoral Research Programme in Conservation Science, Environment, and Development

The Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), a non-governmental research organization based in Bangalore, invites applications for admission to its **Doctoral Research Programme** for the academic year starting in June 2009. Applications are invited from highly motivated students with a background in natural or social sciences interested in conducting research towards a Ph.D. Degree. The degree will be awarded by Manipal University. Students admitted to the programme will undergo intensive course work and training and will be expected to undertake independent research. Candidates will normally be expected to join the programme full-time. Those who are employed elsewhere will be given the option of enrolling on a part-time basis. Full-time students will be provided an institutional fellowship for at least 2 years of their program.

ATREE was established in 1996 and is fast emerging as one of South Asia's leading conservation and sustainable development research organizations. ATREE's research covers the natural and socio-economic dimensions of the degradation and restoration of biological and other natural resources and the environment at large. Areas of specialization include biodiversity, forests and ecosystem services, ecological agriculture, water management, urban environments and environmental hazards.

ATREE fosters diversity and gender equity at the work place. Thus women and persons from under-privileged groups are especially encouraged to apply. ATREE functions in a decentralized manner and provides independence to students and faculty to pursue their research interests.

Eligibility

- (a) The candidate must have a Master's degree in Science or Humanities **AND**
- (b) **Must** have qualified for one of the following entrance exams: UGC-CSIR (minimum NET), GATE, or equivalent qualifying exam **OR** have an M.Phil. degree **OR** have published at least one peer-reviewed paper as lead author or co-author **OR** have demonstrated research ability by raising funds for research through a proposal.

Application

Candidates seeking to register for the Ph.D. programme at ATREE should submit the following documents:

- (i) A completed application form (download from <http://www.atree.org>); (ii) Copy of degree certificate, provisional degree, or mark sheets from previous semesters of the completed master's course; (iii) Written statement of research and career goals (up to 1000 words); (iv) Confidential reference letters from 2 referees, sent directly to ATREE by e-mail or post or fax.

The completed application form and supporting documents should be submitted by mail to the address below by **25 April 2009**; please superscribe the envelope 'Application for Ph.D. programme'.

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Applicants who fulfill the eligibility requirements will be called for an interview at the ATREE office in Bangalore after **10 May 2009**. Detailed information on the Ph.D. programme and research interests of the faculty can be obtained at <http://www.atree.org>