

Research Assistant – Cheer Pheasant Reintroduction Program

Location – Himachal Pradesh

Job Profile

- Conduct faunal surveys through trails/transects, sign surveys and camera trapping, habitat quality assessment and socio-economic surveys at Cheer Pheasant Reintroduction site.
- Carry out radio-tracking of reintroduced Cheer Pheasants and other post-release monitoring activities as part of the Wildlife Wing's Cheer Pheasant Reintroduction program.
- Participate in community awareness workshops with local people to spread know-how about cheer pheasant and importance of the program.
- Prepare technical reports, media briefs, and presentations for official meetings.
- Tenure – 12 months
- Remuneration – Rs. 15000/month + Rs. 1500 (house rent allowance).

Qualifications, experience and competencies

- Master's Degree in Life Sciences/Wildlife Sciences or any related discipline.
- Working experience with R Statistical Program, GIS-based applications (ArcGIS, QGIS or any other), MS Office (Excel, Word and Powerpoint) is preferred.
- Basic knowledge of statistics desired.
- Any previous experience with radio-tracking, designing biodiversity surveys will be given appropriate weightage during the selection process.
- Ability to speak Hindi is essential.
- Exceptional English writing skills.
- Ability to undertake extensive field work in high altitudes (up to 2500m).

Applying for the position

- Documents: Curriculum vitae and 1-page write-up (11pt Calibri, A4, left justified, 1.5 line spacing) on the motivation and interest to apply for the position.
- Send applications to rl.narasimha@gmail.com
- Please mention "Research Assistant -Cheer Pheasant Project, HP", in the subject line.
- The vacancy is open to Indian Nationals only.
- Applications of only short-listed candidates will be acknowledged.
- Selection will be through an interview (personal/online).

Last date for sending applications: August 31, 2019

Official process

1. Applications received will first be scrutinized by DFO (WL) Shimla and Zoo Biologist (HPZCBS), to shortlist candidates for the interview. The process for shortlisting will follow marks allotment for the skills possessed and selecting the Top-5 applicants for the interview and assessment will be made against -
 - i. Hindi speaking skills
 - ii. English writing
 - iii. Previous field experience
 - iv. Previous experienceRadio-trackingand monitoring
 - v. Previous participation in Biodiversity surveys
 - vi. Computer and statistics skills (GIS, R etc.)
2. Personal or online interview: Shortlisted students will be called for interview either personal or if distantly located over Skype/other online means. The interview will be conducted by APCCF (WL) O/o PCCF (WL), CCF (WL) Shimla, DFO (WL) Shimla and Zoo Biologist (HPZCBS).