

Applications for post of 'Mental Health Trainer cum Counsellor' in Bhopal at iCALL- Helpline for Psychosocial Counselling, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

About TISS: The Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) was established in 1936 and is a deemed university fully funded by the University Grants Commission, Government of India. TISS offers over 50 Master's Degree programmes from its Mumbai, Tuljapur, Guwahati and Hyderabad Campuses. TISS offers a very challenging but fulfilling academic environment and opportunity to scholars committed to creating a just society through education, generation of knowledge and field action, and invites interested scholars in Social Sciences and allied disciplines located within and outside India to apply for faculty positions in its schools and centres.

About iCALL Psychosocial Helpline & the partnership with UNFPA:

iCALL Psychosocial Helpline; a field action project of the School of Human Ecology at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences Mumbai, provides counselling, support, information and referral to individuals in emotional and psychological distress, over the telephone, email and chat. The helpline currently runs six days a week, from Monday to Saturday, from 8 AM to 10 PM. Apart from service provision, iCALL engages in various research, capacity building and outreach efforts independently and in partnership with State Governments and NGOs across the country.

iCALL, in partnership with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is engaged in a capacity building initiative of health staff posted at health and wellness centers on basic counselling skills in Madhya Pradesh. Government of India had initiated Aspirational district program to strengthen health services in most backward districts of the state. The main aim is to improve quality and range of health services offered through public health institutions for rural population from these districts. UNFPA is working with the National Health Mission in MP, since last 2 years for developing skills and capacities of the counsellors posted at integrated counselling centers and Adolescent Friendly Health Clinics through its implementing partner, TISS. The state government has now, requested UNFPA to extend the scope of work with TISS to include capacity building of these health functionaries identified at Health and Wellness centers on counselling skills.

iCALL is inviting applications for the post of 'Mental Health Trainer cum Counsellor' in Bhopal at iCALL- Helpline for Psychosocial Counselling, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

Job Profile: The candidate shall report directly to the Programme Coordinator and the Senior Research Officer at iCALL, and shall be responsible for the following

1. Assist in Knowledge Assessment and identifying age gaps amongst Health Workers for offering counselling services
2. Design and deliver training modules and workshops for Health workers on basic counselling skills, mental health and psychosocial well-being in Madhya Pradesh
3. Assist with adaptation of e-learning training mechanism for the health workers in Madhya Pradesh
4. Being proactive in carrying out publicity and outreach activities for the promotion of the Health and Wellness Centers
5. Offer supervision and create mechanisms for peer supervision of counselling services on ground along with monitoring services provision.
6. Report to and coordinate with UNFPA and NHM, MP for implementation of the project activities
7. Assist with administrative and logistical management of activities planned within TISS, for the project activities
8. Write reports and develop other works of academic writing on the basis of the work undertaken.

Desirous Candidates Must:

1. Possess a Master's Degree in Counselling/ Clinical Psychology/ Social Work/ Psychiatric Social Work/Public Health or other allied sciences
2. Have relevant experience of minimum a year in health counselling or in medical settings on health and mental health issues
3. Should be located in Bhopal for the duration of the project
4. Speak English and Hindi fluently and possess good writing skills in English
5. Be skilled in the use of computers for the purpose of documentation, data analysis and Supervision
6. Be willing to commit for a duration at least a year
7. Have sound knowledge of therapeutic process skills and psychotherapy
8. Be willing to travel to Mumbai and Madhya Pradesh for the purpose of trainings and M&E

Selected candidates will have to undergo rigorous training before they start implementing the project activities. Candidates shall be required to be based permanently in Bhopal for the tenure of their contract. Preference shall be given to candidates based in Bhopal presently.

The position is for the initial period of one year, and will be extended depending on performance. The salary provided is 22000 rupees per month. Age limit for candidates is maximum 45 years. Please note that this is a full-time position. Applications are to be emailed to icallhelpline@gmail.com, with the subject 'Application for the post of Mental Health Trainer cum Counsellor'.

Last Date of Applications is 10th October, 2018. Interviews will be conducted in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

Process of Interview: The candidates will undergo a telephonic interview, upon clearing the same, only those who are selected will be contacted for a personal interview. Date of joining shall be agreed upon mutually.

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