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**Advertisement for Research Project: An Assessment of the status of Water User Association of Maharashtra at TISS, Mumbai and TISS Tuljapur**

**Project Brief:**

A study titling 'An Assessment of the status of Water User Association (WUA) of Maharashtra' has been mounted by TISS, Mumbai and TISS, Tuljapur campus. The study will take place in three phases which will include designing a comprehensive performance assessment framework for evaluating the status of WUAs in the State of Maharashtra, analysing the status of WUAs in Maharashtra through a region wise survey across a sample of WUAs and selected member farmers within the command area of the selected WUAs and an in-depth case study of selected WUAs to study "Why they (WUAs) are what they are". It is expected that the study will propose a new model of WUA and suggesting way forward for Irrigation Management Transfer.

**Post: Senior Research Officer (Project Coordinator)**

**No. of Vacancy:** 01

**Location:** Mumbai

**Duration:** 18 months or co-terminus with the project, whichever is earlier (Initial 12 Months contract will be given, after performance appraisal extension for Six months will be given)

**Job Description:**

- The incumbent will report to principle investigator (PI) and co-principle investigators (Co-PI).
- Based on literature review and stakeholder interaction develop a performance assessment framework with the assistance of the research associates.
- Overall designing, piloting and implementation of various research instruments across the entire period of study, data analysis and report writing.
- Coordinate and convene relevant stakeholders for data collection and subsequently organize, conduct and facilitate data collection.

- Mentor the research associates and lead the members of the research team (research associates, research assistants, field investigators etc.) throughout the various stages of data collection and analysis along with quality check.
- Liaisoning on behalf of the project with relevant government and nongovernment organisation.
- Keep the track of overall project deliverables and prepare periodic progress reports with the input from the PI and Co-PIs and share the same with relevant government departments/funding agency from time to time.
- Organising workshops and training programs involving various stakeholders.
- Coordinate with administration in compliance and fulfil regular admin requirements.
- Any other work towards the operationalization of the project, as directed by PI and Co-PIs.

#### **Qualification:**

M Phil/ Masters in Economics/ Political Science/ Statistics/ Sociology/ Social Work/ Development Studies/ Rural Management/ Natural Resource Management from reputed institute.

Desired Qualification: PhD. In any of the subjects above and a track record of publications in academic journal/s.

#### **Experience:**

Minimum 3-5 years of working experience in implementing research projects pertaining to agriculture, natural resources management and community participation. Previous experience in managing large research projects in the field of water and agriculture will be given priority.

#### **Essential skills and other requirements:**

- Excellent written and spoken communication skills in English, Marathi and Hindi.
- Proficiency in using MS Office packages and relevant packages for analyzing qualitative and Quantitative data (like SPSS, Atlas TI etc.).
- Willingness to travel extensively within districts of Maharashtra.

**Remuneration:** Between Rs. 55,000-70,000 per month, subject to the qualification and relevant experience of the incumbent.

**Application process:**

The interested candidate shall send the following documents by e-mail at **teamimttiss@gmail.com** along with the following subject line as **“Application for Senior Research Officer (Project Coordinator)”**:

1. Cover Letter
2. Statement of Purpose (approximate 400 words)
3. Updated curriculum vitae
4. Reference letter

No application will be entertained on other email ids other than the provided email id.

**Last Date of Receipt of Applications:** October 27, 2018

**Remarks:**

- Only candidates who are short-listed for the interview will be contacted.
- The interview will be conducted at TISS Mumbai.
- No correspondence will be entertained from candidates regarding any delays, conduct & result of interview and reasons for not being called for interview.
- The cost incurred for attending the interview in person in Mumbai has to be borne by the candidate.

Project Leader