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Wildlife Institute of India

(An Autonomous Institution of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India)

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Advertisement for the Admission to XX M.Sc. Course in Wildlife Science (2024-2026)
Advt. No. WII/AC/2024-26/Advt for XX M.Sc.

The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) is a premier National Institute for training, research and academics in the field of wildlife science and management. The Institute's idyllic ambience, *state of the art* infrastructure and reputed faculty provide a vibrant academic atmosphere and an enriching and learning experience to its students. The M.Sc. Course in Wildlife Science at the Institute is widely acclaimed both nationally and internationally. This course aims to impart theoretical knowledge on concepts, principles, approaches, analytical skills and field techniques in Wildlife Science. Students of high calibre, motivation and having passion for wildlife and conservation are selected for the two-year residential course. **The course is currently affiliated with the Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR).** AcSIR has been established as an 'Institution of National Importance' with a view to maximize the number of qualified researchers and professionals of impeccable quality in the domain of science & engineering; and to equip them with the skills to innovate and conduct seamless interdisciplinary research. AcSIR was established by an Act of Parliament, *viz*. the Academy of Scientific Innovative Research Act, 2011 notified by the Central Government vide The Gazette of India notification No.15 dated February 7, 2012. The Headquarters of Academy of Scientific Innovative Research is located at CSIR-Human Resource Development Centre (CSIR-HRDC) Campus, Postal Staff College Area, Sector 19, Kamla Nehru Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201002. More than 50 R&D institutes including all CSIR National R&D institutes are affiliated with AcSIR for academics/higher education.

SEATS AND DATE OF COMMENCEMENT:

Twenty meritorious students will be admitted to this two-year residence course (four semesters), which include 15 Indian and 05 foreign nationals (with preference to SAARC countries). Applications are open to both Indian and foreign nationals. The break-up of seats (15) for Indian nationals is: General Candidates - 08; OBC Candidates – 03; SC Candidates - 02; ST Candidate - 01; Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) – 01. If OBC/SC/ST candidates secure seats on their own merit in competition with general candidates, they shall not be counted against reserved seats. In case of five foreign candidates are not available for selection, these seats will be offered to Indian candidates proportionately as per the reservation policy of Government of India. Following the selection of candidates, the course will commence in August, 2024 at Wildlife Institute of India, Chandrabani campus, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

COURSE FEE AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Course Fee for the entire course is: **Indian Nationals** – approx. **INR 6,00,000/ and Foreign Nationals –** approx. **US $ 14000/-,** payable to WII. The fee covers entire course expenditure including tuition fee, hostel accommodation, field trips, etc. Additionally, a monthly stipend of Rs. 3000/- per month and support for the dissertation project will be offered, subject to fund availability with the Institute.

Subject to fund availability, the Institute will also provide **full scholarship to eight Indian students** based on merit. The breakup of the scholarships for Indian nationals is: General - 03; OBC – 02, SC - 01; ST – 01 and EWS - 01. Other candidates (Indian and Foreign) selected for the course will be treated as self-sponsored. The students are required to pay one-time caution money of 10,000 INR and the course fee in four equal instalments (of ~1,50,000 INR for Indian Nationals and ~3500 US $ for Foreign Nationals) prior to commencement of each semester.

ELIGIBILITY:

(a) Bachelor's degree in Life Sciences, Medical Science, Engineering, Veterinary Science, Agriculture, Forestry, Pharmacy, Social Sciences and Computer Science or degrees recognized as equivalent thereof.

(b) Minimum of 15 years of formal education (either 10+2+3 or 11+2+2).

(c) Candidates who have completed the graduation degree in any of the above disciplines with a pass certificate (50% in aggregate at the field of studies mentioned above for general category and OBC candidates and 45% in aggregate for SC/ST candidates), or who have appeared OR will be appearing at the qualifying (final) bachelor's degree examination and whose result is still awaited may also apply. However, they need to provide their **Consolidated Marksheet/ Graduation Pass Certificate/ Provisional Degree Certificate** prior to the registration in the course at AcSIR by **October 2024** or as soon as the concerned university issues to the above or relevant certificates.

The OBC candidates who belong to "Creamy Layer" are not entitled for relaxation admissible (such as Age relaxation) to OBC category and will be treated as General candidates. The OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) candidates are required to submit requisite certificate in prescribed format of Government of India, from a Competent Authority issued in the current year. The name of the caste and community indicated in the OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) certificate must appear in the Central list of Other Backward Classes which can be found at http://bit.ly/2iz3OJQ. The EWS candidates need to submit all necessary documents as per the Government notice during submission/interview.

The minimum qualifying marks to become eligible to appear for the written examination is 50 percent in aggregate at the field of study mentioned in the eligibility section for general category and OBC candidates (both Indian and foreign nationals) and 45 percent in aggregate for SC/ST candidates.

Candidates with Bachelor's Degree from Universities outside India should obtain certificates of equivalence from the Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities, AIU House 16, Comrade Indrajit Gupta Marg, New Delhi 110002 (Website: http://bit.ly/2iFSsBb), email to administration@aiuweb.org, sgoffice@aiu.ac.in (Ph: + 91-11-23230059; 23232429; 23232305, Fax: + 91-11-23232131). The Institute will facilitate obtaining the degree equivalence from the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi and eligibility certificate for AcSIR. However, final decision by them in the matter of equivalence/eligibility will be binding

on the applicant. In case of foreign nationals who do not have English as their native language should provide evidence of proficiency in English (e.g., TOEFL Score) for admission to this course. The TOEFL or IELTS score reports should not be before **01.01.2023**. A minimum TOEFL Score of 213 (computer based), 550 (paper based), or 79 (internet based), or minimum of 6.0 IELTS score is required.

AGE LIMIT:

Not more than 25 years as on March 30, 2024 (closing date of application) with relaxation of 3 years for OBC candidates and 5 years for SC/ST candidates. For the in-service candidates working in Forest and Wildlife Departments, and Foreign Candidates, the age limit is 35 years as on March 30, 2024.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Indian Candidates:

Eligible candidates will be required to appear for an online National Eligibility Test (NET) in any one of the 14 Centres (Thiruvananthapuram, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Mumbai, Delhi, Lucknow, Dehra Dun, Ranchi, Kolkata, Guwahati, Aizawl and Jammu). The allocation of test centres would be decided by the institute based on number of candidates registered for a particular centre and the candidate would be accordingly informed. The NET will be for 2-hours duration for 100 marks, with objective types questions and essays, covering general aptitude, knowledge, analytical and language skills, basic mathematical and quantitative skills, knowledge about basic biology, ecology and conservation issues.

Shortlisted candidates based on NET screening will be called to appear for a Personality and Aptitude Test (PAT)/ interview to be held at Dehradun. Final dates for interview will be communicated to shortlisted candidates over email. Final selection to the course will be made on the basis of combined merit of 50% marks obtained in the NET and 50% of PAT. In case of equal marks in NET and PAT, the following criteria shall be adopted for taking admission in the course:

(i) Preference will be given to the candidates who have higher aggregate percentage of marks in the graduation level.

(ii) In case the candidates have equal marks in the above stated examination then the candidate senior in age will be given preference.

The selected Indian nationals including wait-listed candidates are required to confirm their joining in the course *i.e.* acceptance of selection offer within the stipulated time after declaration of results by email, although it is encouraged to confirm as early as possible. Accordingly, the waitlisted candidates in appropriate lists will be offered the seat.

Candidates should note that their candidature is provisional. Their candidature will be deemed final upon verification of eligibility condition with reference to the documents enclosed with their application and as required by AcSIR and payment of First Semester Fee in case of Self Sponsored candidates.

Foreign Candidates:

All eligible foreign candidates will be interviewed through online mode following which their final selection will be made. For foreign nationals, the **interview** will be scheduled through web conferencing and the date & VC link of the interview will be

communicated over email. The final merit list will be based on 50% marks in the Graduation degree and 50% marks obtained in online interview (Total marks - 100).

HOW TO APPLY:

Indian Candidates:

(i) The entire process for registration and NET is Online. Details for online registration and NET would appear on the WII's website (https://wii.gov.in/) as well as AcSIR website (https://acsir.res.in/). The online registration process will be open from **1ˢᵗ March – 12ᵗʰ April, 2024**. All eligible candidates are advised to follow the latest updates on the WII and AcSIR websites for online registration of applicants, submission of application and payment of application processing fee, etc.

(ii) All in-service candidates are required to register online and route their applications (after successful online registration, application submission and payment of fees) through proper channel to the Course Director, XX M.Sc. Wildlife Science Course, Wildlife Institute of India, Chandrabani, Dehradun – 248001 (Uttarakhand) by Registered Post. However, they may send an advance copy for preliminary consideration. Envelope containing application of in-service candidate being sent through proper channel should be marked **"APPLICATION OF IN-SERVICE CANDIDATE FOR XX M.SC. WILDLIFE SCIENCE COURSE"**.

(iii) Candidates will be required to fill in their personal, educational and professional experience profiles online besides uploading a recent passport size photograph, scanned copies of school certificate/ valid passport as age proof, marksheet of Graduation degree (Previous/Final year), caste certificate (applicable for candidates seeking reservation quota). Candidates will make the payment of non-refundable application processing fee (**Rs. 1500/- only for General candidates and Rs. 1000/- only for Reserved candidates**) through the prescribed "Payment Gateway".

(iv) The entrusted online agency will issue "Admit Card" to eligible candidates which can be downloaded from weblink provided. The admit card will have details of Examination Centre, Date and Time of online NET wherein applicants will appear in the NET on their own cost. Applicants will make their own arrangement for travel and accommodation for appearing in the 2-hour online NET.

(v) The Institute will upload the result of NET and shortlisted candidates for PAT *i.e.* those are being called for interview at WII, Dehradun on its website.

Foreign Candidates:

(i) Foreign candidates will be required to fill in their personal, educational profiles online besides uploading a recent passport size photograph, scanned copies of passport with a validity period till 2026, school leaving certificate, reference letters from two persons, proof of International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score (if applicable).

(iI) All eligible foreign candidates are required to pay an application processing fee of US$ 100 or equivalent. The amount can be transferred electronically to WII account. The **e-banking details are**: Union Bank of India; **Beneficiary** - Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun; **Account Number** - 518502010000010; **IFSC Code** - UBIN0551856; **Swift Code** - UBININBBDER; **Purpose** - M.Sc. Wildlife Science Application Fee. Details of e-banking/fee transfer need to be mentioned in application.

In case of *"in-service" foreign nationals*, applicants need to route application through proper channel after online registration to reach WII.

(iii) Foreign candidates are advised to follow the latest updates on the WII's website (http://www.wii.gov.in/latest-events) for online registration of applicants, submission of application, etc.

(iv) The result of selected foreign candidates will be hosted on WII's website and selected students will also be informed by email. Selected students have to confirm sponsoring/funding support so as to process their applications for seeking the Government of India's approval from security and political angles. This would ultimately facilitate in obtaining "Study Visa". In the event of failure/no confirmation of sponsorship, the Institute would offer the seat to the waitlisted foreign applicant or to Indian applicant.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Dates	Indian Candidate	Foreign Candidate
February 15, 2024 (Thursday)	Details of online registration and NET available in WII and AcSIR websites	
March 1, 2024 (Friday)	Online registration opens	
12ᵗʰ April, 2024 (Friday)	Online registration closes	
April 22, 2024 (Monday)	Last date of receiving properly routed application from in-service candidates	
April 26, 2024 (Friday)	Declaration of result of eligible candidates for NET examination on WII and AcSIR websites	Declaration of result of shortlisted candidates for PAT examination on WII and AcSIR websites
May 12, 2024 (Sunday) 1400 hrs	Online NET Exam	
May 13-14, 2024 (Monday – Tuesday)		Video conference/skype interview/PAT of shortlisted candidates
May 30, 2024 (Thursday)	Declaration of NET results and shortlisted candidates for interview/PAT	Declaration of result of selected foreign candidates
June 7, 2024 (Friday)		Intimation of confirmation by email about joining the course
June 18-20, 2024 (Tuesday – Thursday)	Personality and Aptitude Test at WII, Dehradun	-
June 28, 2024 (Friday)	Declaration of final result of selected candidates	-
July 15, 2024 (Monday)	Last date for intimation of confirmation by all candidates (first list as well as wait list) to course	-

	directors by email about joining the course
July 29, 2024 (Monday)	Reporting at WII for joining the course
August 1, 2024 (Thursday)	Commencement of the course

TERMS & CONDITIONS

(i) Director, WII reserves the right to re-schedule the NET/PAT in case of foreign nationals and/or change the test centre at his sole discretion, without assigning any reasons thereof, and as warranted by the circumstances.

(ii) Director, WII reserves the exclusive right to reject any application without assigning any reasons thereof.

(iii) SC/ST candidates called for the interview (Personality and Aptitude test) will be paid to and fro train fare (Sleeper Class) by shortest route from their place of residence to Dehra Dun on production of their journey tickets.

(iv) Candidates belonging to the SC, ST and OBC category should submit a caste certificate from the competent authority at the time of PAT, failing which they will not be allowed to appear in the interview. The OBC Certificate should not be more than one year old.

(v) All selected students (Indian as well as foreign nationals) are required to arrive at Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India on July 29, 2024 and report at the Institute during Office hours (0900-1730 hrs).

(vi) Candidates/Applicants will send all correspondence related to admission to Academic Officer (Telephone: +91-135-2646116, Fax: + 91-135-2640117, E-mail: oao@wii.gov.in) with a copy to Course Director (Telephone: +91-135-2646282, E-mail: sutirtha@wii.gov.in) Associate Course Director (Telephone: +91-135-2646207, E-mail: amit@wii.gov.in)

(vii) If any candidate has been found at any stage to have furnished wrong information or deliberately suppressed any relevant information, his/her candidature/ admission will be rejected/ cancelled as soon as it comes to the notice of either WII or the University concerned.

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