



**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**ZOOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA**

Advt. No. LTEO-ZSI/01/2024

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**RECRUITMENT OF PROJECT FELLOWS (RESERCH BIOLOGISTS)**

Applications are invited from interested and eligible candidates for PROJECT FELLOWS (RESERCH BIOLOGISTS) in Zoological Survey of India, Southern Regional Centre, Chennai under **India Long Term Ecological Observatories Programme (LTEO)**. The position is for a period of one year and purely on temporary basis and will be terminated or renewed based on performance.

Name of the Post	Educational Qualification	Desirable Qualification	Remunerati on	No. of Posts	Remarks
<b>PROJECT FELLOWS (RESERCH BIOLOGISTS)</b>	M.Sc. in Zoology/ Life Sciences/Ecology /Wildlife Biology/ Biodiversity with a minimum of 60% aggregate marks from a recognized University and with a passion to work on <b>Arthropod Ecology/Taxonomy</b>	Research experience in Taxonomy/ Ecology of terrestrial and freshwater arthropods; research publications in national and international peer reviewed journals; knowledge of collection and preservation techniques of arthropod specimens; nature and wildlife Photography; knowledge of computer, data base management, GIS and basic field data collection; statistical analysis and experience of molecular work.	Rs. 25,000/- (Consolidated)	<b>03 (Three)</b>	Project Fellows (Research Biologists) are desired for 1. Ecological and taxonomic studies on arthropods in LTEO sites across India. 2. Last date for submission of application form by e-mail is 9 <sup>th</sup> <b>August, 2024</b>

PFs are expected to undertake extensive field surveys in the mountains, forests and wetlands of India and therefore, required to be physically fit to undertake research in terrain and hostile conditions. PFs expected to conduct field studies in remote regions of Western Ghats, Central India, Western India, Andaman and Nicobar islands, Western and Eastern Himalaya.

**General Instructions:**

1. The upper age limit for applying for award of PF shall be 28 years as on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2024. Age relaxation as per Govt. of India rules.
2. Candidate will be shortlisted on the basis of their qualification and experience. Mere possession of qualification and experience may not entertain a candidate called for interview or selection. Although, there is indication for number of vacancy, the Director, ZSI reserve the rights for selection.
3. Short listed candidates will be informed through email only for appearing for online interview.
4. At the time of the verification of original documents (even after selection), if it is found that an attempt has been made by the applicant to willfully conceal, misrepresent the facts or canvass, such applicant will not be considered for selection and due action will be implemented.
5. Candidate selected will be liable to posted anywhere in the country, including field sites and shall join immediately after their selection.
6. The application form can be downloaded from the Zoological Survey of India website <http://zsi.gov.in>.
7. The application form as per the format provided is to be submitted in **MS Word** format by email to <lteozi@gmail.com>
8. Candidates should submit the duly filled-in **application form in MS Word and scanned copies in PDF format** of testimonials of educational qualifications, research experience, publications, proof for date of birth etc., along with copies of mark sheets of all examinations and 'No Objection Certificate' from present employer (if employed) by email to <lteozi@gmail.com> **with subject "Application for PROJECT FELLOW (RESEARCH BIOLOGIST)" by 9th August, 2024.**
9. For any clarification you may please contact **The Principal Investigator, LTEO Programme, Zoological Survey of India, Southern Regional Centre, 130, Santhome High Road, Chennai-600 028. E-mail: <lteozi@gmail.com>**
10. The Director, Zoological Survey of India reserves the right of selection or rejection of a candidature including cancellation of the advertisement.

**Principal Investigator,  
LTEO Programme,  
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**APPLICATION FOR THE PROJECT FELLOW**

1. Advertisement number :
2. Name in full (in block letters) :
3. Sex and Date of Birth :
4. Nationality :
5. Father's /Husband name :
6. Address for correspondence including phone fax & email :
7. Permanent Address :
8. Whether SC/ST/OBC (attach certificate) :
9. Educational / Professional Qualifications from Matriculation onwards:

Paste a recent passport  
size photograph with  
signature

Sl.No.	Examination passed	Year	School/College/ University	Subjects	Marks obtained

10. Details of Previous Employment, if any

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Name of the Institution/ Organisation	Duration		Title of Work
			From	To	

11. Present pay scale, position held, basic pay and total emoluments drawn:
12. Title of Dissertation/ Thesis including a One Page Summary:
13. List of Publications:
14. Enclose copies of three best scientific publications:
15. One page write up on your proposed research programme under LTEO project.
16. Name and complete addresses of three referees:
17. Any other information:

**Declaration**

I hereby declare that all the informations furnished above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I shall abide by the terms and conditions specified in the project.

**Applicant's signature with date**

## **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR RESEARCH BIOLOGISTS**

**Tenure:** Research Fellowship will be tenable initially for a period of one year. It may be extended further at the discretion of Director, ZSI. In such a case the progress of Research Fellow would be assessed each year by an Assessment Committee. Extension of fellowship will be considered based on Committee's report, together with the detailed progress report duly supported by reprints/preprints/manuscript of the papers published, accepted or communicated and duly approved by the Competent Authority.

**Conditions for the Award:** The acceptance of Fellowship should be communicated by the Candidate to the Principal Investigator, LTEO Programme, Zoological Survey of India within fifteen days of the issue of offer letter of award of the Fellowship.

**Report:** The Research Fellow shall submit monthly and yearly reports on the progress of his /her work to the Principal Investigator. The Research Fellow shall, at the expiry of the tenure submit a comprehensive report of the work done during the entire period of Fellowship, through the PI to Director, Zoological Survey of India.

**Voucher Specimens:** Voucher specimens collected during the project by project biologist shall be deposited and duly registered at National Zoological Collections, ZSI.

**DNA Sequence:** Genetic data generated as part of the LTEO programme shall be deposited in the designated database of the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India.

**Data:** The data collected in any digital and non-digital format (including images, video and audio) shall be deposited in the designated database of the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India.

**Publication/Patent:** Based on the research conducted under LTEO programme, the Project Fellows are encouraged to publish in peer reviewed journals as well as other popular forms of scientific publications. Due authorship shall be given to all researchers and other team members, who have contributed to the research. Due acknowledgement shall be given to funding agency in all publications arising out of research work conducted at ZSI. The right to commercial exploitation of the results and patent arising out of the investigation shall, however, rest exclusively with MoEF&CC, Govt. of India.

**Administrative:** If a Project Fellow wishes to leave the fellowship before the end of the tenure, a minimum of two months' notice is to be given to the Principal Investigator. The RF can be terminated, if the PI, LTEO, ZSI is not satisfied with the progress or conduct of the Fellow. The Director, ZSI may send whenever considered necessary its officers from HQ for reviewing the work of the PF for inspection of accounts, attendance, etc, in ZSI Regional Centres where the PF are placed. Any kind of paid or honorary, part-or-full-time employment or private practice even in honorary capacity is not permissible during the tenure of Fellowship.

**The stipend of research fellow/associate is exempt from the payment of income tax under 10(16) of IT Act.**