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NOTIFICATION NO. 04 /2026 dated 17.06.2026

Recruitment of Scientist – 01 No. under the Centre for Conservation and Evolutionary Genetics & Project Associate – I (PA-I – 2 Positions) for carrying out the research projects and field/laboratory activities under Tamil Nadu Raptor Research Foundation (TNRRF) 2026-27 at AIWC, Vandalur, on contractual basis.

The Advanced Institute for Wildlife Conservation (AIWC), a premier Institute in the field of wildlife research, training and education under Tamil Nadu Forest Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, invites application from Indian nationals for the temporary position of Scientist – 01 No & Project Associate – I (PA-I – 2 Positions) on contractual basis. The selection will be based on short listing of applications (educational qualifications and experience), followed by a personal interview. Details of the positions along with essential and desirable qualifications, age criteria, monthly consolidated remuneration are given in Annexure- I.

The last date of receipt of completed application form along with supporting documents is **03.07.2026 (Friday) @ 5.00 p.m.** The duly filled in application documents should be sent only by hard copy to the following AIWC postal address.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Director
Advanced Institute for Wildlife Conservation
(Research, Training & Education),
Vandalur, Chennai – 600048

Sd/- A.Udhayan,
Principal Chief Conservator of
Forests and Director,
AIWC (R, T & E), Vandalur

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GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Age limit for position is given in Annexure I, age relaxation will be considered as per the Tamil Nadu Government norms for reserved category candidates.
2. Application should be in the prescribed format, duly signed, with recent passport size photo and should be accompanied by self-attested copies of documents on educational qualifications, research experience, UGC/CSIR/GATE certificate (if applicable), extracurricular activities, date of birth, mark sheets of all examinations, community certificate (if seeking relaxation as per Government of Tamil Nadu rules) etc., Candidates applying for more than one position shall submit application with relevant documents separately for each position.
3. The Institute will not provide accommodation and no TA/DA will be paid to the candidates appearing for written test (if any) and personal interview. The interview will be in either online or physical mode.
4. At the time of the verification of original documents or even after selection, if it is found that an attempt has been made by the applicant to wilfully conceal, misrepresent the facts or canvass, such application will be rejected, and due action will be taken against the candidate.
5. The application form can be downloaded from the AIWC website www.aiwc.res.in
6. The date and time of the personal interview will be intimated individually by email to the shortlisted candidates.
7. In case of candidates scoring equal marks, the senior person in terms of the Date of Birth shall be given priority.
8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Director AIWC, reserves the right to reject any candidature in view of incomplete information provided by the candidate or for any other reason thereof.
9. The applicant should be cautious against touts and agents who may cheat, by making false promises of securing jobs through unfair means.
10. The Institute shall not be responsible or liable for any loss that may be caused to any applicant on account of indulging in any sort of dealings with such unscrupulous elements.
11. The positions advertised are purely temporary and contractual for the period as specified in the notification. They will stand abolished after completion of the tenure period.
12. Any application received or submitted after the last date shall not be taken into consideration.

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ANNEXURE – I

Post Code	Post	Educational Qualification	Desirable Qualification	Age Limit	Age Relaxation	Monthly Fellowship
1. Centre for Conservation and Evolutionary Genetics						
S-01	**Scientist** **No. of Vacancy – 1 Post** *(Centre for Conservation and Evolutionary Genetics)* Temporary position on a contractual basis Period – Four months (subject to assessment and extension at the end of tenure)	Ph.D. in Animal Genetics or Biomedical Genetics or Animal Biotechnology or Biotechnology or Life science or Molecular Biology or Conservation biology. **Essential Qualification:** Ph.D. Degree in any of the above disciplines from a recognised university. Minimum 3 years of experience (Post Ph.D.). in the following: Proficiency in Microsatellite/ Nuclear/Mitochondrial marker-based genetic analysis, and knowledge of whole genome sequencing, assembly, and annotation and other relevant bioinformatics tools to identify gene flow status in a population. Adequate knowledge in troubleshooting molecular biology assays, modern spectroscopy, statistical tools, bioinformatics tools, project team management. Proficiency in implementation of research work ranging from laboratory requirements to development of reports, research manuscripts, and new research proposals.	Publications in peer-reviewed journals and popular science articles. Experience in wildlife research. Interest and aptitude in carrying out both lab-based and field-based wildlife research. Good communication skills (written and spoken) in Tamil and English.	40 years	The upper age limit may be relaxed up to 5 years for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/Women/ BC/MBC and Physically challenged category.	Rs. 75,000/- (Consolidated)

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Post Code	Post	Educational Qualification	Desirable Qualification	Age Limit	Age Relaxation	Monthly Emoluments
2.Spatial Ecology of Migratory Ospreys: Movement dynamics and winter habitat associations in Tamil Nadu						
PA-I 01	**Project Associate I** **No. of Vacancy – 1 Post** *(Tamil Nadu Raptor Research Foundation)* Temporary position on a contractual basis Period – one year (subject to assessment and extension at the end of tenure)	**M.Sc. in Wildlife biology/ Zoology/ Environmental Science/ Forestry or forest ecology/ Ecology/ Ornithology/ Natural Resource Management.** ***Essential Qualification:*** Degree in any of the above disciplines with a minimum of 60% aggregate marks from a recognised university.	Experience in Bird Ecology studies, Bird capture and handling techniques, Work experience in RS & GIS. Experience in field work. Interest and aptitude in carrying out field-based wildlife research, community engagement Good communication skills (written and spoken) in Tamil and English Publications in peer-reviewed journals and popular science articles.	35 years	The upper age limit may be relaxed up to 5 years for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/Women/ BC/MBC and Physically challenged category.	Rs. 27,600/- (Consolidated) #

(# Deserving candidates with two years' experience as per Project Associate II norms may be considered with remuneration of Rs.31100, applicable for Project Associate II).

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Post Code	Post	Educational Qualification	Desirable Qualification	Age Limit	Age Relaxation	Monthly Emoluments
3. Ecological Assessment and Conservation Strategies for Resident and Migratory Vultures in the Mudumalai–Sathyamangalam Landscape, Tamil Nadu						
PA-I 02	**Project Associate I** **No. of Vacancy – 1 Post** *(Tamil Nadu Raptor Research Foundation)* Temporary position on a contractual basis Period – one year (subject to assessment and extension at the end of tenure)	**M.Sc. in Zoology / Wildlife Biology / Ecology / Environmental Science /Forestry/ Ornithology & Wildlife Sciences.** ***Essential Qualification:*** Master's Degree in any of the above disciplines with a minimum of 60% aggregate marks from a recognised university.	Experience in handling birds and avian studies is preferable. Data collection through field survey, questionnaire, data interpretation, community engagement and conservation awareness. Publications in peer-reviewed journals and popular science articles. Interest and aptitude in carrying out field-based wildlife research, community engagement Data analysis skills, GIS skills, and scientific report writing Good communication skills (written and spoken) in Tamil and English	35 Years	The upper age limit may be relaxed up to 5 years for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/Women/ BC/MBC and Physically challenged category.	Rs. 27,600/- (Consolidated) #

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ADVANCED INSTITUTE FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
APPLICATION FORM (FORMAT)

General/SC/ST/BC/MBC/Physically Handicapped, and the state the candidate belongs to; please indicate _____

Post Code: _____

Please affix a recent passport size photograph

Project Title:

1. Name of the applicant: _____

A. Present Postal Address with *Pin Code*

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Phone/Fax #_____

E mail_____

B. Permanent Residential Address with Pin Code

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Phone/Fax #_____

E mail_____

2. Date of Birth_____ Age in years (***as on 01 June, 2026)*** _____

3. If belonging to **SC/ST/BC/MBC, please enclose** _____

a Photo copy of the original caste certificate issued by competent authorities may be attached.

4. (a) Academic Qualifications: (Enclose self-attested certificates)

Examination Passed	**Year of Passing**	**University**	**Degree**	**Percentage of marks obtained**
Higher Secondary				
Bachelor Degree				
Master Degree				
Ph.D. Degree				

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(b) Research experience related to the post applied (State briefly *not exceeding 15 lines*)

5. Have you received any scholarship/fellowship? (If applicable)

Name of the Scholarship	Awarding Agency	Period		Amount
		From	To	

6. Employment held so far *(up to date):* (if applicable)

Name of the Employer	Position held	Period		Emoluments per month
		From	To	

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7. **Research publications relevant to the post applied for: (if applicable)**

8. **Seminars / Trainings / Workshops / Conferences / Internships attended (if applicable):**

9. Name, Complete Postal Address, Email and Phone Number of three referees who can be contacted for Verification of Credentials of the candidate.

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10. Certified that information furnished above are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Place: **Date:** **(Signature of the Applicant)**

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