



Research Assistant in the Project on Urban Ecologies: Governing Nonhuman Life in Global Cities,
Animal Behaviour and Cognition Programme

National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore

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About the Programme/Project: Urban animals and their political ecologies constitute an arena of geographical scholarship that has intensified in recent years. Yet, little headway has been made in terms of understanding how sentient creatures inhabit and negotiate dynamic, anthropogenic environments. Focusing on a range of wild, feral and cultivated species in the Indian cities of Delhi and Guwahati, this project aims to provide insights into what urbanisation might entail for animals, assays ways in which nonhuman knowledges enable rethinking about the nature of expertise that counts in urban governance, and finally, attempts to animate urban political ecology by reflecting upon how such etho-geographical insights could potentially contribute to our understanding of the political ecologies of urbanisation.

Title of Position: Research Assistant

Job Description: The Research Assistant should preferably have a master's degree in history or a similar background in the humanities and with past experience in archival work, especially related to India's urban, social or environmental history. Candidates familiar with Guwahati's history and with archival research experience in the Guwahati Records Room will be preferred. The project position will involve working in various archives based in Guwahati, including the Assam State Archives. The Research Assistant will search, survey and collect archival materials on the making of modern Guwahati city, from the late 18th to the 21st century, with a key focus on its past ecology and environmental history. The collected archival work will need to be appropriately catalogued and regularly uploaded to a cloud-based storage system.

Qualifications:

- i. **Degree:** Master's degree in history or any related discipline in the humanities
- ii. **Research Experience:** Preferably on the making of modern Guwahati city, from the late 18th to the 21st century, with a key focus on its past ecology and environmental history
- iii. **Previous Work Experience:** Familiarity with the history of Guwahati's city and with archival research experience in the Guwahati Records Room or other relevant archival sources

Mode of Application:

Interested applicants should submit their curriculum vitae electronically along with the following documents:

1. Covering Letter
2. Statement of Purpose
3. Copies of Degree Certificates

The deadline for receiving applications is [Monday, 30 November 2020](#). Short-listed candidates will be invited to an online interview in the [first week of December 2020](#).

The salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, and comparable to other premier institutions in the country.

The application should be addressed to:

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