

# APPLICATIONS INVITED TO THE POST OF RESEARCH ASSOCIATE IN THE AREA OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

## NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDIES. BANGALORE

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**About NIAS:** National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) was conceived and founded in 1988 by the late Mr. J. R. D. Tata, who sought to create an institution to conduct advanced multidisciplinary research. Housed in a picturesque green campus in Bangalore the Institute serves as a forum to bring together individuals from diverse intellectual backgrounds. They include administrators and managers from industry and government, leaders in public affairs, eminent individuals in different walks of life, and the academicians in the natural and life sciences, humanities, and social sciences. The philosophy underlying NIAS is given shape by its research teams, which are drawn from a variety of disciplines in the natural and social sciences, humanities and arts. The Institute is unique in its integrated approach to the study of intersections between science and technology, philosophy, social issues and leadership. The objective is to nurture a broad base of scholars, managers and leaders who would respond to the complex challenges that face contemporary India and global society, with insight, sensitivity, confidence and dedication. For more details: [www.nias.res.in](http://www.nias.res.in)

**About NIAS Consciousness Studies Programme:** The NIAS Consciousness Studies Programme is an interdisciplinary programme of the National Institute of Advanced Studies situated in the campus of Indian Institute of Science, in Bangalore, India. The Programme brings in philosophy, cognitive sciences, complexity studies, psychology, creativity studies, physics and the neurosciences in its research mandate. The origins of NIAS Programme on Consciousness Studies goes back to 1992. For more details: <http://niasconsciousnesscentre.com/>

### **POSITION – RESEARCH ASSOCIATE**

#### **Job Requirements:**

- Ability to engage with Indian philosophy and do descriptive research on concepts related to cognition, human understanding, consciousness, self-reflection, self-transformation etc.
- Ability to do field work and collect data from the field using semi-structured interviews, open-ended conversations, and ethnographic tools.
- Ability to compile case studies and narratives focusing on the practises, practitioners and traditions covering the philosophy, arts, aesthetics and history of Kashmir Saivism.
- Ability to identify, and compile documents, texts, visuals, and other sources of expressions of Kashmir Saivism covering its philosophy, arts, rituals and practises.

**Qualification:** Masters or Post-graduate Degree in Religious Studies, History, Philosophy, Anthropology, Psychology, Culture Studies, Literature, or allied disciplines.

#### **Skills:**

- Deep interest in Kashmir Shaivism, and concepts such as causality, pratyabhijna, vimarsa etc.
- Creative mind & storytelling skills.
- Basic knowledge of Sanskrit language will be helpful.
- Respect for deadlines and professionalism; Ability to take initiatives, and Full time Commitment to work; Good communicator, team-player.

**How to apply:** You can email your application with your CV, if you fulfil the above job requirements, along with a scanned copy of the post-graduate degree certificate. Application should be accompanied by Statement of Purpose or a preliminary proposal relating to the area of work. All applications should be sent by Email to: Prof Sangeetha Menon, Professor and Dean, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore 560012, to the email id <[niasconsciousnessprogramme@gmail.com](mailto:niasconsciousnessprogramme@gmail.com)>

Short-listed candidates will be invited to NIAS for an interview. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, and comparable to other premier institutions in the country.

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