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**Recruitment of Junior Research Fellow (02 - Posts) at AIWC,
Vandalur, on contractual basis.**

Notification No.: 02/2026 dated 02.02.2026

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 Junior Research Fellow (02 Nos.) on contractual basis. The selection will be based on short listing of application (educational qualifications and experience), followed by stages of Qualifying test and Personal Interview. Details of the position along with essential and desirable qualifications, Age Criteria, monthly fellowship are given in Annexure- I.

The last date of receipt of completed application form along with supporting documents for Junior Research Fellow is **12 .02.2026 (Thursday) @ 5.00 p.m.** The duly filled in application documents should be sent by hard copy to the 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 Government of Tamil Nadu norms for Reserved category candidates.
2. Application should be in the prescribed format, duly signed 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.
3. The Institute will not provide accommodation and no TA/DA will be paid to the candidates appearing for the written test 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 written test and personal interview will be intimated individually by email to the shortlisted candidates.
7. The candidates who score equivalent 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 Qualifications	Experience	Age Limit	Age Relaxation	Monthly Fellowship
JRF-01	Junior Research Fellow (01 position in DNA lab, Centre for Wildlife Forensic Sciences) Temporary position on contractual basis Period – one year (subject to assessment and extension at the end of tenure)	M.Sc. in Biotechnology / Animal Biotechnology / Zoology with a specialization in Biotechnology / Life Sciences / Molecular Biology / Applied Genetics. (or) M. Tech in Genetic Engineering / Biotechnology / Computational Biology. Essential Qualification: Master's degree in any of the above disciplines with a minimum of 60% aggregate marks from a recognized university. Desirable Qualification: Good communication skills (written and spoken) in Tamil and English. Report and scientific article writing skills. Interest and aptitude in carrying out both lab-based and field-based wildlife research.	Desirable: Work experience in DNA molecular work such as DNA/RNA extraction, PCR, Restriction Digestion based agarose gel electrophoresis, Phylogenetic analysis, Bioinformatics analysis tools, and report generation. Work experience in DNA wildlife forensics will be preferred.	28 years as on 01.02.2026	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. 41200/-

JRF-02	<p>Junior Research Fellow (01 position in Animal Disease Diagnostic lab, Centre for Animal Care Science)</p> <p>Temporary position on contractual basis</p> <p>Period – one year (subject to assessment and extension at the end of tenure)</p>	<p>M.V.Sc. in Microbiology or M.Sc. in Wildlife Biology or Zoology or Microbiology or Immunology or Animal Sciences or Zoology with a specialisation in Biotechnology</p> <p>Essential Qualification: Master's degree in any of the above disciplines with a minimum of 60% aggregate marks from a recognized university.</p> <p>Desirable Qualification: Planning and execution of the project within the stipulated time frame. Good communication skills - written and oral. Report and scientific article writing skills. Ready to travel to forest areas for extensive field study</p>	<p>Desirable: Work experience in clinical pathology related laboratory work in animals and having handled instruments related to blood & serum analysis and histo-pathology. Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology will be preferred. Work experience in handling wildlife will be preferred.</p>	28 years as on 01.02.2026	<p>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.</p>	Rs. 41200/-
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**ADVANCED INSTITUTE FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
APPLICATION FORM (FORMAT)**

Post Applied: JRF

Post Code: JRF 01/ JRF 02 (*Please tick only one of the two choices*)

General/SC/ST/BC/MBC/Physically Handicapped, please indicate _____

1. Name of the applicant: _____

A. Present Postal Address with *Pin Code*

Phone/Fax # _____

E mail _____

B. Permanent Residential Address with Pin Code

Phone/Fax # _____

E mail _____

2. Date of Birth _____ Age in years (*as on 01 February 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	Major Discipline	Percentage of marks obtained
Higher Secondary				
Bachelor Degree				
Master Degree				
Doctoral Degree (if applicable)				

*Please affix a recent
passport size photograph*

- (b) **Creative Achievement** (State briefly in *not exceeding 15 lines* your bio data as a research worker, about your achievements that may be helpful for the present post applied)

<p style="text-align: center;">(This area is for your creative achievement. State briefly in not exceeding 15 lines your bio data as a research worker, about your achievements that may be helpful for the present post applied)</p>

5. Have you received any **scholarship/fellowship** before applying for this award? (*If so, please give its source, value, period under that award*)

Name of the Scholarship	Awarding Agency	Period		Amount
		From	To	

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

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

7. **Research publications**, title of the publication, year of publication, journal, etc., (may be given as Annexure)

8. **Seminars / Trainings / Workshops / Conferences / Internships attended related to your field/ wildlife** (may be given as Annexure).

9. Name, Complete Postal Address, Email and Phone Number of three referees who can be contacted for Verification of academic and professional 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)

