Call for Applications – Research Consultant

Project Title: Pastoral Knowledge Systems, Labour Shifts, and Conservation Challenges in Rangelands

Principal Investigator: Dr. Rashmi Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Liberal Arts, IIT Hyderabad

Applications are invited for the position of Research Consultant for an academic research project that examines the intersections of changing labour dynamics, local ecologies, and human-animal relations (both livestock and wildlife). The position will commence in February 2025 for an initial period of six months, extendable up to 11 months based on performance.

Key Responsibilities:

Conduct desk-based research, including in-depth literature reviews. Undertake field research using social and ecological surveys across the project's three study sites: Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, and Telangana. Analyze data and contribute to project reports, publications, and presentations. Coordinate with stakeholders and project partners as required.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Education: Master's degree in a relevant field (e.g., Environmental Studies, Anthropology, Sociology, Development Studies, or related disciplines) with at least three years of research experience.
- Candidates who have submitted their PhD thesis are also encouraged to apply, with their PhD work counted as part of research experience.
- Experience with both quantitative and qualitative research methods.
- Proficiency in data analysis and strong writing skills.
- Background in environmental humanities or related fields is desirable.
- Candidates with at least one research publication will be given preference.

The position offers a consolidated remuneration of Rs. 42,000 per month consolidated, commensurate with qualifications and experience. All travel and fieldwork expenses will be covered by the project.

Interested candidates are requested to email their CV and a writing sample/publication to rashmi.singh@la.iith.ac.in by February 21, 2025. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.