

UNESCO Category 2 Centre (C2C) India ‘Visiting Fellows Programme’

UNESCO Category 2 Centre (C2C) for ‘World Natural Heritage Management and Training for Asia and the Pacific Region’ is established at the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, India with the mission to strengthen implementation of the World Heritage Convention in Asia and the Pacific Region by building the capacity of professionals and bodies involved with World Natural Heritage Site inscription, protection, conservation and management, through training, research, dissemination of information and network building. This Centre is the world’s first dealing with Natural World Heritage. (http://wii.gov.in/unesco_category2_centre).

The UNESCO C2C has a Visiting Fellows Programme which hosts scholars and practitioners working on subjects relevant to World Natural Heritage. The programme provides experts the opportunity to carry out substantive work for strengthening the capacity of management of such natural sites, in a stimulating intellectual environment. The programme is designed to accommodate a diversity of interests, knowledge and skills. **UNESCO C2C India invites up to four experts a year, for fellowships which are available for terms not exceeding 3 months.**

Objectives

- To exchange professional experience and collaborate on diverse issues of World Natural Heritage Sites.
- To build and enhance capacity for management of natural heritage sites.
- To contribute to research and policy on natural heritage sites.
- To build linkages, networks and partnerships with other organisations and experts.
- To provide an opportunity to work in a multi-cultural, multidisciplinary organisation.

Candidates

The Visiting Fellows may belong to the following categories:

- Scholars from universities and colleges
- Members from research institutions and non-government organisations
- Officials from government organisations and departments (retired/deputation)
- Representatives from international organisations
- Practicing professionals

Areas of Work

Priority areas of work under the Visiting Fellows Programme would be related to the following themes associated with World Natural Heritage Sites:

Governance, Management, Research, Policy, Documentation, Outreach

Eligibility

- Candidate may be a citizen of India or a foreign national.
- Preference will be given to nationals of Asia-Pacific countries.
- Age shall be above 35 years.
- The applicant should have a university degree, with a minimum post-graduate qualification. A Doctorate degree is desirable.
- Candidate should be able to demonstrate significant academic or professional experience.
- Proficiency in the English language is essential.

How to Apply

Desirous applicants will write to the Director, Wildlife Institute of India at contactc2cindia@wii.gov.in with an expression of interest to be considered under the Visiting Fellows Programme. After initial shortlisting, invited applicants will be required to submit a proposal on a specific theme(s) of no more than 2 pages indicating: (i) the rationale for applying; (ii) the scope of the work; (iii) a workplan of activity; and (iii) how the study will contribute to the C2C. The

submission must be accompanied by Curriculum Vitae (including contact details of two referees) of no more than 2 pages. The proposed study will be evaluated on the basis of:

- Significance and relevance of the study to the UNESCO C2C mandate.
- Demonstrated record of candidate's prior accomplishments.
- Extent to which all parties will benefit from the proposed study.

Applications are currently invited for the period August, 2018 to March, 2019. There is no deadline for application and the process will remain open till two Fellows are selected within the one year period.

Benefits and Facilities

A Fellowship amount of Rs. 100,000 per month is provided under this programme for a term of up to 3 months. Visiting Fellows are granted access to library, computer and other support services at the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, India. Provision of a workspace and office facilities will be available for the Visiting Fellows. Visiting Fellows are invited to participate in all regular meetings, workshops, public events and programmes of the UNESCO C2C and the Wildlife Institute of India. In special cases, a travel grant to visit World Heritage Sites in India may also be provided.

Obligations

Following maybe the requirements from the Visiting Fellows during the course of their tenure:

- Provide inputs in capacity-building programme(s) for World Natural Heritage Site managers/stakeholders.
- Deliver lectures, discussions and seminars as needed.
- Publish research paper(s) / policy brief(s) / technical report(s).
- Comply with all regulations and guidelines specific to visiting faculty at the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, India.
- Candidate should commit for spending at least half of the duration of the fellowship period at the Wildlife Institute of India.

Outcome

A UNESCO C2C India "Forum of Fellows" comprising of individuals with an outstanding record of achievement and ability in diverse disciplines related to World Natural Heritage Sites.

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