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NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for **two temporary positions of Research Assistant** under the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi funded research project entitled: **"Promoting Campus Mental Health: Capacity Building in Teachers of Higher Education as First Responders to Mental Health Crises and Suicidality among Youth"**

Details of the Positions and Required Qualifications:

Sr. No.	Name of Post	No. of Posts	Consolidated Monthly Remuneration	Location	Reporting Supervisor	Duration
1	Research Assistant	01	Rs. 37,000/-	Vadodara, Gujarat	Dr. Parisha Jijina, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda	Approx 8-9 months
2	Research Assistant	01	Rs. 37,000/-	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Prof V. Vijayalakshmi, Professor, Department of Management Studies, IIT Madras	Approx 8-9 months

Essential Qualification: Postgraduate degree in any Social Science discipline with a minimum of 55% marks. Preference will be given to candidates having NET/M.Phil./Ph.D.

Desirable Qualifications:

- Fluency in the relevant local language of the place of work: Tamil for the Chennai position and Gujarati for the Gujarat position.
- Since the project is based on suicide, candidates who have completed their Masters of Arts in Psychology with Clinical/ Counselling specialization
- Prior experience in research projects, fieldwork, survey/interview-based data collection methods, data management, analysis, interpretation, and report writing.
- Experience in mental health, youth well-being, suicide prevention, counselling-related research, or capacity-building/training activities.

Nature of Appointment:

1. The positions are purely temporary and project-based and the appointment is expected to be for approximately 8-9 months, subject to the work of the project. The M.S. University of Baroda, and the concerned PIs reserve the right to discontinue the appointment, if the candidate fails to perform satisfactorily and within stipulated time line given to accomplish the task.
3. The Research Assistant selected for Chennai will work under the supervision of Dr. V. Vijayalakshmi, Professor, Department of Management Studies, IIT Madras. The Research Assistant selected for Gujarat will work under the supervision of Dr. Parisha Jijina, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda.
4. The selected candidates will assist with literature review, coordination of field activities, data collection and analysis, support for capacity-building activities such as facilitating workshops for teachers, documentation, data collection and analysis, preparation of reports and other research-related tasks assigned under the project.
5. The consolidated remuneration will be Rs. 37,000/- per month for each position, as prescribed for the Research Assistant position under the applicable ICSSR guidelines.
6. The selected candidates may be required to undertake field visits and travel related to project activities, as assigned and approved under the project.
7. The appointment will be governed by the applicable ICSSR guidelines and the rules of the affiliating institution. It will not confer any right or claim for regular/permanent employment in the M.S. University or IIT Madras.

How to Apply: Interested and eligible candidates to submit an updated CV with photograph along with self-attested copies of educational certificates and mark sheets, NET/M.Phil./Ph.D. certificates (where applicable), experience certificates and other relevant documents, compiled into a single PDF file, by e-mail to **jijina.parisha-psy@msubaroda.ac.in** on or before December 7th 2026, 6 pm. The subject line of the e-mail should read: "Application for Research Assistant – ICSSR Project on Promoting Campus Mental Health – **Chennai"** or "Application for Research Assistant – ICSSR Project on Promoting Campus Mental Health – **Gujarat**", as applicable. Candidates must clearly indicate the location for which they are applying and mention their proficiency in the relevant local language in their CV/application. Incomplete applications or applications received after the prescribed deadline may not be considered.

Interview: Only shortlisted candidates will be informed about the date, time and mode (online/venue) of the interview through e-mail. No TA/DA will be paid for attending the interview.

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