



Inviting Applications to ATREE's Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Programme in Conservation Science and Sustainability Studies

Submission deadline: **25 April 2013**

Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) was established in 1996 and is fast emerging as one of South Asia's leading conservation and sustainable development research organizations with a strong interdisciplinary emphasis. ATREE was ranked #1 in Asia, and #19 globally two years in succession in the category of Environmental Think Tanks, by the University of Pennsylvania's Global Think Tanks Rankings and associated trends report. It is based in Bangalore and recognized as a Ph.D. research centre by Manipal University.

ATREE invites applications for admission to its **Doctoral Research Programme** for the academic year starting August 2013. Applications are invited from highly motivated students with a Master's degree in any branch of the social, natural or engineering sciences. Students will undergo intensive course work and will be expected to undertake independent research on any environmental topic under a multi-disciplinary dissertation committee. Students are expected to join the programme full-time and 5-year fellowships will be provided for a maximum of 10 students.

ATREE fosters diversity and gender equity at the work place. Women and persons from underprivileged groups are especially encouraged to apply. As the programme has a broad focus, social science students with interest in environmental issues are particularly encouraged to apply.

Eligibility

1. The candidate must have a Master's degree in any social or natural science or engineering discipline.

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2. **Must** have qualified for one of the following entrance exams: UGC-CSIR (minimum NET), GATE, ICSSR, or equivalent qualifying exam or have an M.Phil. degree or have published at least one peer-reviewed paper or have some demonstrated research ability or based on the strength of the statement of purpose.

Application

Candidates seeking admission for the Ph.D. programme should submit the following documents:

- A completed application form (download from www.atree.org/phd_programme)
- Copy of degree certificate, provisional degree, or mark sheets from previous semesters of the completed Master's course
- Written statement of purpose, which highlights your research and career goals (maximum 1000 words)
- Confidential reference letters from two referees, sent directly to the address below by e-mail, post or fax.

Submit completed application and all supporting documents by e-mail or mail to the address below by **25 April 2013**; indicate in the subject line or superscribe the envelope 'Application for Ph.D. programme'. Applications that are incomplete will be rejected.

Applicants who fulfill the eligibility requirements will be called for an interview at ATREE Bangalore during the **first week of June 2013**. The academic year will begin **first week of August**. Detailed information on the Ph.D. programme and research interests of the faculty can be obtained at http://www.atree.org/phd_programme

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