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## Doctoral Research Programme in Conservation Science

The Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), a non-governmental research organization based in Bangalore, invites applications for admission to its **Doctoral Research Programme in Conservation Science** for the academic year starting in June 2008. Highly motivated students with a background in natural or social sciences interested in conducting research towards a Ph.D. degree in Conservation Science are encouraged to apply. The doctoral degree is offered through Manipal University. Students admitted to the programme will undergo intensive course work and training and will be expected to undertake independent research. Employed candidates will be given the option of enrolling on a part-time basis. Detailed information about the programme can be obtained from <http://www.atree.org>

ATREE was established in 1996 and works on issues related to India's rapidly diminishing biological resources and natural ecosystems, and the environmental, social and economic implications of this decline. ATREE is fast emerging as one of South Asia's leading conservation research organizations. ATREE fosters diversity and gender equity at the work place. Thus women and persons from underprivileged groups are especially encouraged to apply. ATREE functions in a decentralized manner and provides independence to students and staff members to pursue their research interests.

### Eligibility

- (a) The candidate must have a Masters degree in Science or Humanities **AND**
- (b) **Must** have qualified for one of the following entrance exams: UGC-CSIR (minimum NET), GATE or equivalent qualifying exam **OR** have an M.Phil. degree **OR** have published at least one peer-reviewed paper as lead author or co-author **OR** have demonstrated research ability by raising funds for research through a proposal.

### Application

Candidates seeking to register for the Ph.D. programme at ATREE should submit the following documents:

- (i) A completed application form (download from <http://www.atree.org>), (ii) Copy of Degree certificate, provisional degree, or mark sheets from previous semesters of the completed masters' course, (iii) Written statement of research and career goals (up to 1000 words), (iv) Confidential reference letters sent directly to ATREE from 2 referees by e-mail or post or fax.

The completed application form and supporting documents should be submitted by mail to the address below by **21 April 2008**: please superscribe the envelope 'Application for Ph.D. programme'.

**The Coordinator, Ph.D. Programme**

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Applicants who fulfill the eligibility requirements will be called for an interview at the ATREE office in Bangalore between **5-9 May 2008**. Detailed information on the Ph.D. programme and research interests of the faculty can be obtained at <http://www.atree.org>