

Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History

(A Centre of Excellence under Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India)
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Seeking Application for Internship/ Dissertation Work /Volunteers under the project entitled “Establishment of National Avian Forensic Laboratory at SACON for National Certification for Illegal Trafficking of Birds”

The Sàlim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON) is a premier research centre conducting cutting edge research in the field of ornithology and natural history. Our centre has recently established a state-of-the-art Avian Forensic laboratory aiming to provide forensic services to government and other agencies. We are also establishing a DNA data bank and an avian biobank which will serve as reference sample repository. We are looking for highly motivated external students who are pursuing PhD/MPhil/Masters’ degree and would like to conduct the dissertation (2-4 years for PhD; 1 year for MPhil and <6 months for masters’ degree) work on bird genomics/ illegal trafficking of birds/ feather morphometrics and help in sample collection for our biobank. We are also looking for highly passionate volunteers and interns who wish to contribute to our project and help in conserving birds. Following procedure should be followed by interested students.

Dissertation Work: Students/scholars who are perusing PhD/MPhil/Masters’ degree may apply. The request should be dully forwarded by the Head of Department/Dean, and must provide the academic resumes of the recommended student(s) clearly specifying percentage marks obtained at various levels and the subjects covered, as well as the period of proposed project work. Candidate will be selected based on his/her expertise and interest. Fee and detailed terms and conditions for submitting applications can be seen at <http://www.sacon.in/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Rules-2-affiliation-externalcandidates-phd-msc-mphil.pdf>

Internship: Students studying in recognized colleges, universities and institutions of higher learning in India and abroad are eligible to apply for the internship (1-6 months). Applications for the internship must be duly forwarded by the Principal / Dean / Registrar of the College / University / Institution in which the student is currently studying. Candidate will be selected based on his/her expertise and interest. Fee and detailed terms and conditions for submitting applications can be seen at <http://www.sacon.in/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Rules-4-guidelines-admission-internship-prog.pdf>

Volunteers: A volunteer refers to a qualified person(s) who offers voluntary assistance to any research, academic and training activities of the Centre in lieu of

exposure and experience in such activities, and who, thereof, does not entitle to any position, either temporary or permanent in the Centre. The 'volunteer' opportunity is purely for gaining personal exposure and experience. Candidates who have completed or pursuing graduate / post graduate degrees and other equivalent or higher studies in recognized colleges, universities and institutions of higher learning can opt to be a volunteer. Educational qualifications may be relaxed in exceptional cases at the discretion of Director SACON. Fee and detailed terms and conditions for submitting applications can be seen at <http://www.sacon.in/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Rules-5-guidelines-affiliation-volunteers.pdf>

Application Procedure: Interested applicants for **Dissertation Work/Internship /Volunteering** may apply, **STRICTLY IN THE PRESCRIBED FORMAT** (Annexure I – PhD/MPhil/ Masters' Degree, Annexure II – Internship and Annexure III - Volunteers), and send the filled in application form by email to rampratapsingh81@gmail.com with a copy to salimalicentre@gmail.com. The subject line should mention '**Dissertation/ Internship /Volunteer application under Avian Forensic Project**'. This must be followed by a hard copy of application sent to: **Dr. Ram Pratap Singh, Senior Scientist**, Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON), Anaikatty, Coimbatore – 641108, Tamil Nadu.

The Institute may provide accommodation to the external students/scholars on or off campus on payment basis based on availability of rooms on our hostel. In case of non-availability of accommodation in our hostel, the students may make his/her own arrangements for lodging outside the campus during the period of the work. Volunteers will not be provided accommodation on campus.

Research Coordinator

Annexure – I



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Admission form for Ph.D. / M.Phil. / Masters' Degree

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PART I: Personal History Form

Surname (Family name):			
First Name:			
Date of Birth:		Age:	
Nationality:		Sex:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Passport No.:		Place of Issue:	
Passport Date of Issue:		Passport Expiry Date:	
Home Address:			
Home Telephone No.:			
Home Fax No:			
Home E-mail Address:			
Mobile phone No:			
Ministry/Organization:			
Current position held:			
Name and Address of the parent institution			
Name and designation of the Mentor/Supervisor			
Telephone No.:			
Fax No.:			
Work E-mail Address:			
Web site:			

PART II: Nature of affiliation requested with the Centre

Affiliation requested for	<i>Ph.D. Thesis</i>		<i>M. Phil. Dissertation</i>		<i>Masters Dissertation</i>	
	<i>Library use</i>			<i>Others</i>		
Duration of affiliation	<i>From Date</i>			<i>To Date</i>		
Study topic / theme if any						
Recommending faculty (SACON)						

PART III: Access requested at SACON

Library		Approximate hours/days	
Computer room		Approximate hours/days	
Analytical laboratory		Approximate hours/days	
ENVIS Centre		Approximate hours/days	
Accommodation required	Hostel		Guest House
Duration of stay			

PART IV: Undertaking

Undertaking	(a)	<i>All information furnished by me is complete and correct</i>			
	(b)	<i>SACON will not be held responsible for any mishap, damage, loss, injury to me in the campus or during the course of field work.</i>			
	(c)	<i>I understand that the Director, SACON has right to cancel my affiliation in case my behavior and conduct are not found satisfactory</i>			
Date of application	Date		Signature		

PART V: Acceptance

<i>Mentor faculty at SACON</i>		Date			Signature	
Approval of the Director		Date			Signature	
Copy	<i>Library</i>		<i>Administration</i>		<i>Laboratory</i>	
	<i>Finance</i>		<i>Hostel Warden</i>		<i>Research Coordinator</i>	

PART VI: Details of fees**Amount****Bank Draft / Cash****Receipt Details**

Admission fees		
Caution Money		
Access fees		
Total amount		



Annexure – II

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Admission form for Internship Programme (IP)

PART I: Personal details

Surname (Family name):			
First Name:			
Date of Birth:		Age: (In years)	
Nationality:		Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Passport No.:		Place of Issue:	
Passport Date of Issue:		Passport Expiry Date:	
Home Address:			
Home Telephone No.:			
Fax No:			
E-mail Address:			
Mobile phone No:			
Name and Address of the College, University, Institution in which currently studying			

PART II: Statement of interest

	Please provide a statement of interest in about 500 words (use separate sheet) indicating the proposed work to be done during the internship period. The applicants are requested to see SACON,s faculty profile and their area of interest, and list of ongoing research projects on the website <www.sacon.in>
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Date of application	Date		Signature of the candidate	

Forward by the supervising faculty at SACON

Name:
Designation
Signature:

PART IV: Details of fees

Fee details	Amount	Bank Draft/Cash Receipt Details
Affiliation fee	Rs.3000/- for Indian Nationals (or) US\$ 50 for Foreign Nationals	
Refundable Caution Fee	Rs.1000/- for Indian Nationals (or) US \$ 20 for Foreign Nationals	

PART V: Acceptance (To be filled in by SACON)

Recommendation of the Research Coordinator		Date		Signature	
Approval of Director		Date		Signature	
Copy	<i>Library</i>		<i>Computer</i>		<i>Laboratory</i>
	<i>Administrative officer</i>		<i>Hostel Warden</i>		<i>Finance Officer</i>

PART VI: Duration of affiliation

From	To

Annexure – III



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Form for affiliation as Volunteer

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PART I: Personal History Form

Surname (Family name):			
First Name:			
Date of Birth:		Age: (In years)	
Nationality:		Sex:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Passport No.:		Place of Issue:	
Passport Date of Issue:		Passport Expiry Date:	
Home Address:			
Home Telephone No.:			
Fax No:			
E-mail Address:			
Mobile phone No:			
Name and Address of the College, University, organisation in which currently studying / working (if applicable)			

Educational Qualification

Examination Passed	Year	University	Subject	Percentage of marks obtained
Higher Secondary				
Bachelor's Degree				
Master's Degree				
Ph.D. Degree				

Employment held so far (up to date)

Name of the Employer	Position held	Period	Emoluments per month

PART II: Statement of interest

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Date of application	Date		Candidate Signature	

PART IV: Acceptance

Period of Affiliation	From		To	
Recommendation of the supervisor	Date		Signature	
Approval of the Director	Date		Signature	

PART V: Details of Access fee (if any)

Fee Details	Amount	Bank Draft/Cash Receipt Details
Access Fee	Rs. 2000/- for Indian Nationals (or) US \$ 30 for Foreign Nationals	

Part VI: Duration of affiliation

From:	To:
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PART VII:

DECLARATION

I of years of age and resident
of..... am
volunteering my services to Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History,
Coimbatore with full knowledge of the risks involved in working in remote forested areas
of India.

I hereby certify that I shall not hold the Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural
History, Coimbatore responsible in any way for any mishap that may occur to me during
my tenure as a volunteer in this project. I also understand that the Centre is under no
obligation to cover any expenses in terms of medical expenses and of the indemnity that
may arise out of unexpected mishap.

Place.....

Date:

(Signature of the Applicant)

Name.....