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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH TIRUPATI
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Recruitment for the post of "Programme Manager" under the Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies funded project

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Tirupati is a premier autonomous Institution established by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, for the promotion of high-quality science education and research in the country.

The institute invites applications from Indian nationals for the following position purely on a contract basis:

Name of the post	**Programme Manager**
Name of the project	**Ideating Bioacoustics Centre India (BCI)** **Description:** The Bioacoustics Collective of India (BCI) is a new national initiative that uses sound to monitor biodiversity. Acoustic recorders and AI let us listen to forests, wetlands and oceans around the clock, without disturbing wildlife and at a scale that field surveys can't reach. Co-led by IISER Tirupati, IISER Mohali, FERAL, Ashoka University, NCBS, and multiple collaborators, BCI brings together researchers, forest departments, civil society, industry and free and open-source (FOSS) hardware and software communities. Together we are building shared data commons, affordable Indian-made recorders, training programmes, and a path to making bioacoustics part of how India monitors its wildlife. **Purpose of the role:** In July 2026 we had a convening that brought together about 50 organisations and real momentum. This role exists to turn that momentum into a working centre. You will coordinate the network and keep its many workstreams moving, from equipment loans and the data repository to pilots and training. You will also help build the base for BCI's long-term sustainability, including setting up a body such as an independent Section 8 company. **Key responsibilities:** • Project management: Own BCI's workplan, timelines and trackers. Run regular team and working-group meetings, and make sure decisions turn into actions. • Partnerships and network: Keep in touch with network

	members, experts and institutions across research, NGOs, government, industry and tech. Follow through on meetings and build collaborations. • Communications and outreach: Keep the website, newsletter, social media and WhatsApp and Google groups up to date. Represent BCI at events and organise talks, workshops and webinars. • Fundraising support: Build and manage a funder pipeline, draft concept notes, proposals and pitch decks, and support leadership in conversations with funders. • Reporting: Document convenings and meetings, and write reports for funders and the institute. • Operations: Handle IISER Tirupati processes, expenses, billing, vendors, events, travel and logistics
Funding Agency	**Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies**
Principal Investigator	**Dr. Robin V. Vijayan**
Project Code	**30525236**
Minimum Qualifications	**Essential:** • Master's Degree in any field, or a 4-year Graduate degree in any field, **AND four years'** experience in programme management, partnerships, consulting or coordinating multi-partner initiatives, preferably in the development or environment sector. • A track record of taking work from idea to completion, and of running several workstreams at once. • Strong written and spoken English, with the ability to write clear updates, meeting notes, proposals and reports. • Ability to work with very different audiences, including researchers, NGOs, funders, government and technologists, and to explain technical ideas simply. • Willingness to be based on campus at IISER Tirupati and to travel within India. **Desirable:** • Experience in fundraising, such as grant writing, donor engagement or CSR partnerships.

	• Familiarity with or interest in bioacoustics, biodiversity monitoring, conservation, or technology for nature, including open data and open hardware. • Experience with outreach, events or community-building, and basic digital skills such as websites, newsletters and social media.
Fellowship	INR **75,000/-** per month (consolidated)
Age	Not more than 50 years as on the closing date of the advertisement.
No. of post	One **(1)**
Tenure	• The initial appointment will be for seven (07) months, renewable subject to satisfactory performance. • The position is temporary and co-terminus with the project.
Last Date	04th December 2026, 05:00 PM

HOW TO APPLY: -

1. Applicants should submit their application through the online form https://forms.gle/AWSpXxjxU2DJf9mj8 on or before the last date i.e **04th December 2026** by 5:00 P.M. No other application form will be accepted.
2. List of shortlisted candidates for further selection process will be notified through email only. Therefore, please mention active mobile number and email ID in the application form. (Tentative Interview date: 08th December 2026) at IISER Tirupati and hybrid mode.
3. The printout of the application form sent by email, signed and dated by the applicant along with a recent passport size photograph and photocopies of relevant certificates and other testimonials in support of age, qualification, experience etc. would be collected at the time of interview. Applicants must bring all the original certificates at the time of the interview for the purpose of verification, along with one set of photocopies.

GENERAL INFORMATION / DETAILS ABOUT THE POST

1. The appointment is purely temporary and will terminate automatically without any notice compensation on termination of the research project.
2. The appointed person shall have no claim of appointment / absorption in Funding Agency or in IISER Tirupati.
3. Appointment of the applicant will be governed by the terms and conditions of the funding agency particularly applicable to the said project.
4. The qualification prescribed should have been obtained from recognized Universities /Institutions.
5. The prescribed educational qualifications are the bare minimum and mere possession of same does not entitled candidates to be called for interview. Where number of applications received in response to this advertisement is large, it will not

be convenient or possible to interview all the candidates. Based on the recommendations of the Screening Committee, the Project Leader may restrict the number of candidates for the interview to a reasonable limit after taking into consideration the qualifications and experience over and above the minimum prescribed in the advertisement. Therefore, it will be in the interest of the candidates, to mention all the qualifications and experience in the relevant field at the time of applying.

6. No TA/DA will be admissible for appearing for the interview.
7. The number of posts indicated may increase or decrease as per the Institute requirement.
8. Selected candidates will have to join duty immediately on receipt of the offer.
9. No interim enquiries/correspondence / communication of any sort will be entertained on the matter.
10. Canvassing in any form and / or bringing any influence, political, or otherwise, will be treated as a disqualification for the post applied for.

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