

Short Term Job Opportunity

We are looking for two (2) young and enthusiastic individuals for short term to work in an online environment in a project on ornamental plant invasion in India.



Brief description of the project: The horticulture trade is one of the major pathways for the introduction of alien plants. However, records of alien ornamentals, the underlying causes of their naturalization success in the wild and response capacities are rare in developing nations like India. To address these gaps, we aim to prepare a database of alien ornamentals in India from existing databases and nursery catalogues and identify the relationship of socio-economic variables and plant traits influencing naturalization success.

Specific details of the job: This is a joint work initiated by the scientists from the Indian Statistical Institute (Giridih, Jharkhand, India), Sun Yat-sen University (Guangzhou, China), and Institute of Chemical Technology (Mumbai, India).

Tasks to be performed: The present database contains about 1500 plant species for which you need to collect data from multiple online and offline databases (detailed information will be provided). After extraction of the data, you need to arrange them in the specified format and update the mother database periodically.

Project duration: 2 months

Requirements: (i) We are looking for candidates with **at least bachelor's degree in any discipline in science**. Candidates with higher qualifications are also encouraged to apply. Prior experience in invasion ecology will be beneficial. (ii) Proficiency in Microsoft Office (particularly, in MS Excel and/or Access) is a must. (iii) Project requires frequent online meetings with PIs. Therefore, the selected candidate should have access to internet and is familiar to online meeting platform like Skype. (iv) It is essential for the candidates to speak, read and write English; for effective communication with the research leaders.

Why you should be interested: Your participation in this project will be online and no physical presence is required. You can work at your own convenience. We will only meet once, for a week, at the beginning of the project, in ISI, Giridih or in ICT, Mumbai where you will be briefed and trained for this work. Your travel and accommodation will be covered during the training period. At the end of the project, you will receive (i) **a letter of appreciation signed by the project leaders**, and (ii) **₹ 20,000 as a token of appreciation**.

What you need to do: If you are interested in this project, email us your current CV and a cover letter expressing your interest to orpinion@outlook.com by **January 5, 2020**. Your cover letter should be brief, yet explicit enough to state how you can fit in our working group with the requirements mentioned above.

Thank you,
Team ORPINION
Ornamental Plant Invasion in India