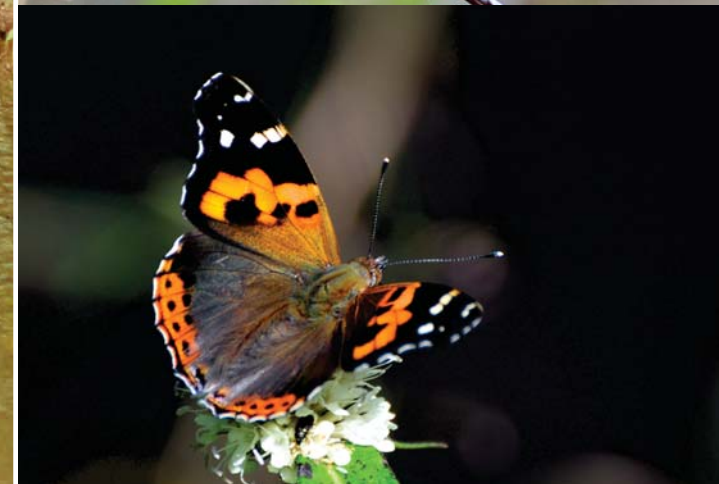
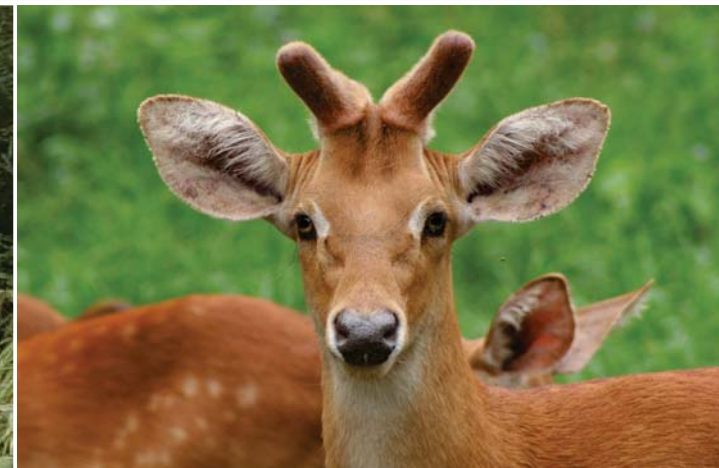


XIV Master's Course in Wildlife Science

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Announcement for Admission



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भारतीय वन्यजीव संस्थान
Wildlife Institute of India

The Wildlife Institute of India is a premier national institute for training and research in the field of wildlife conservation and management. The Institute's idyllic ambience and its state of the art infrastructure, provide a vibrant academic atmosphere for scholarly work. The Institute constantly strives to provide an enriching learning experience to its students.

THE COURSE

The M.Sc. course in Wildlife Science is a flagship course of the Institute and is widely acclaimed both nationally and internationally. The course aims to impart theoretical knowledge, analytical skills and field techniques in Wildlife Science. Students of high calibre and motivation are selected through a National Entrance Test (NET) for this residential course.

The Course is offered in the form of Choice-based Credit System organised in four semesters. The thrust of this unique Course is on the biology and ecology of living resources. The Course integrates with other emerging disciplines such as Conservation biology, Landscape ecology, Wildlife Genetics and Forensics, Wildlife health, and Human dimensions. The Course is intricately structured for ensuring the right amalgamation of theory and field training involving visits to Protected Areas and other sites of conservation importance across the country. There is an increasing demand for management, research and monitoring of wildlife resources. The Course provides an insight into innovative approaches to deal with challenges of wildlife conflict management, restoration of fragmented/degraded habitats, climate change and adaptation. The Course ultimately prepares students to be well versed with the critical requirements of conservation of natural living resources.

The Course is affiliated to the Saurashtra University, Rajkot (Gujarat) for the award of the Master's degree.

NUMBER OF SEATS

The total intake for the course is 14 students (12 Indian candidates and 2 foreign nationals). The break-up of seats is as follows:

General Candidates : 06; SC Candidate : 02; ST Candidate : 01; OBC* Candidates : 03; Foreign Candidates : 02.

ELIGIBILITY

- 1) Bachelor's degree in Sciences, Medical Sciences, Engineering, Veterinary Science, Agriculture, Pharmacy, Social Science, Computer Science and Computer Applications or degrees recognized as equivalent thereof (should have studied Science stream at Higher Secondary Education Board or other equivalent board).
- 2) Minimum of 15 years of formal education (either 10+2+3 or 11+2+2).
- 3) Minimum of 55% aggregate marks in Bachelor's degree. Candidate must produce result along with mark sheet of their graduation at the time of their personality and aptitude test, failing which their candidature will be treated as cancelled. Shortlisted foreign candidates will be interviewed through audio or video conferencing following which their final selection will be made. The date and time of the interview will be informed by email. Foreign nationals who do not have English as their native language should provide evidence of proficiency in English (e.g. TOEFL Score) for admission to this course. The TOEFL or IELTS score reports should not be more than two years since taking the Test to submission of the application. A minimum TOEFL Score of 213 (computer based), 550 (paper based), or 79 (internet based), or minimum of 6.0 IELTS score is required. Candidates with Bachelor's Degree from Universities outside India should obtain certificates of equivalence from the Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities, AIU House 16, Comrade Indrajit Gupta Marg, New Delhi-110002 or email to administration@aiuweb.org.

**The Socially and Educationally Backward Classes/OBCs who are eligible for availing the benefits of reservation will be determined as per the extant Central list of SEBCs/OBC as notified from time to time and maintained at the website <http://ncbc.nic.in>.*



AGE LIMIT

The age limit is 25 years as on March 11, 2013 with relaxation of 5 years for reserved candidates and for those candidates who are working in Forest and Wildlife Departments it is 35 years as on March 11, 2013.

SELECTION PROCESS

Eligible candidates will be required to appear for a written NET in any one of the centres (Bengaluru, Dehra Dun, Kolkata, Mumbai, Delhi and Guwahati) which is nearest to his/her permanent residence. The NET will be for 2.5 hours. The test will have 30 marks multiple-choice questions on General Awareness including Current affairs, Quantitative skills, Geology, Geography, Sociology, Economics and Engineering; 40 marks multiple-choice questions in Wildlife sciences including Natural History, Biogeography, Ecology, Genetics, Vegetation science, Population ecology, Habitat ecology, Behavioural ecology, Conservation biology, Wildlife health and 30 marks essay questions covering conservation issues. Shortlisted meritorious candidates based on NET screening will be called to take a Personality and Aptitude Test (PAT) at Dehra Dun. Final selection to the Course will be made on the basis of combined merit of 50% marks obtained in the Bachelor's degree examination and 50% of PAT.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Institute provides full scholarship amounting to Rs 2.6 lacs to eight Indian students based on their selection merit through the NET & PAT that covers entire course fee, hostel accommodation and a monthly stipend. The breakup of WII scholarships will be as under:

General : 04; SC : 01; ST : 01; OBC : 02

Other candidates selected will be treated as self-sponsored. Candidates belonging to the OBC* category should provide a certificate from the competent authority.

COURSE FEE

The Fee structure for the entire course is as follows:

Indian candidates	-	Rs. 2,60,000
SAARC nationals	-	US \$ 11,000
Other nationals	-	US \$ 12,000

Students aspiring to join the above Course and keen to compete for the eight scholarships are advised to see the full information on the academic program, admission procedure and details on application for the Course at the website: (<http://wiienvic.nic.in> under Major Activity Section).

The last date for receiving application is 11th March, 2013 (online 4th March, 2013). The NET is likely to be held on Sunday, 21st April 2013. The Personality and Aptitude Test is likely to be held at Dehra Dun in mid May, 2013.