





# MASTERS DISSERTATION SUPPORT FELLOWSHIP (2023-24) Planet Earth Foundation (PEF), India

#### About Planet Earth Foundation (PEF):

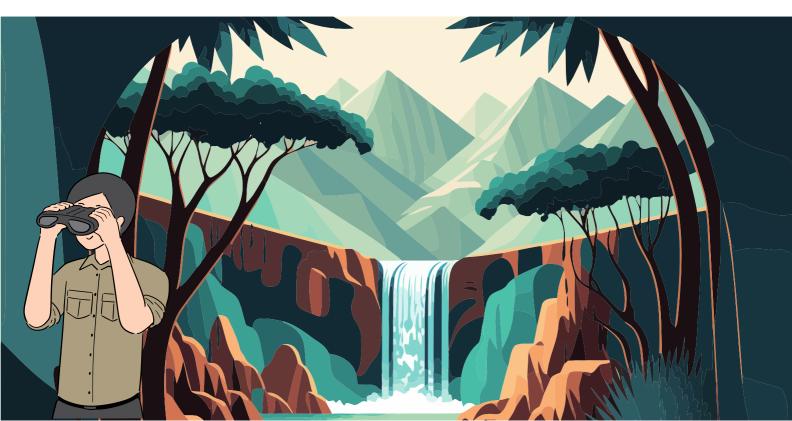
Planet Earth Foundation (PEF) is a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), established in the year 2017. The organisation works for biodiversity conservation and sustainable community development in western Maharashtra, India.

### **About Masters Dissertation Support Fellowship:**

- The Masters Dissertation Support Fellowship is a transformative initiative, dedicated to nurturing and enhancing the capabilities of chosen fellows.
- Uniquely designed to direct the focus of their Masters dissertation projects toward realworld impact, this program is bolstered by the expertise of the PEF team and a network of professionals.
- The project ranges from a minimum of six months to a potential extension of up to one year

#### **Objectives of the fellowship:**

- Empower Youth Capacity: Equip young fellows with skills in socio-economic and ecological research and conservation, fostering effective contributions to these fields.
- Drive Impactful Research: Guide participants to execute applied research projects, merging theory with on-ground conservation efforts for tangible outcomes.
- Develop Skills and Expertise: Offer transformative learning through project-based engagement, enhancing skills and deepening expertise for personal and professional growth.







## Fellowship Highlights:

- Project expertise and guided support- field research and technology utilization
- A basic total reimbursement grant of INR 10,000, along with essential field resources, coverage for fieldwork travel expenses, and basic on-field accommodation.
- Project Fieldwork region: Northern Western Ghats, India or specifically Sangli, Satara, Kolhapur districts (Maharashtra)
- Duration- September 2023 to July 2024
- Application Deadline- 20th September 2023

# Eligibility Criteria:

Candidates applying for the fellowship should:

- Be actively enrolled in a Master's program in Wildlife Sciences, Ecology, Social Science, Life Sciences, Veterinary, or related fields during application.
- Be under 28 years old when applying.
- Possess proficiency in English and either Hindi or Marathi
- Be ready to commit 6 to 12 months for the fellowship, ensuring academic responsibilities aren't compromised while adapting to demanding field conditions.

#### **Selection Process:**

- Application Submission: Submit applications to info@pef-india.org, including the project concept note, cover letter, updated CV, and valid college ID proof.
- Selection Process: Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview round.
- Selection Criteria: Final selection is based on concept note evaluation, interview performance, and the candidate's readiness for fieldwork within the stipulated duration.
- Preference Given: Candidates aligning Masters' project objectives with organization goals will be favored in the selection process.

## **Stages Involved:**

- 1. Application, interview, and document verification
- 2. Selection of two Masters Dissertation students for the 2023-24 Masters Support Fellowship
- 3. Submission of official registration form, college permission form, and refundable deposit fees
- 4. Concept note finalization and on-field reconnaissance
- 5. Implementation of project work as per plan and timeline
- 6. Masters dissertation finalization and outcome analysis
- 7. Comprehensive final project presentation
- 8. Accounts, worklog, and project submission
- 9. Certification and conclusion

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