

Project title: A comprehensive study on the Ecology and Population Status of a human commensal – the House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* in the Uttarakhand State

No. of Position	Project Assistant (1 post)
Age Criteria	Upper age limit 35 years on the date of interview. Upper age limit in case of applicants belonging to Schedule Castes/Schedule Tribes/OBC may be relaxed as per the rules.
Essential Qualification	Master degree in Natural or Agricultural Sciences from a recognized University or equivalent.
Desirable Qualification	Candidates should have experience in a combination of field and lab-based methods. Candidates with experience in DNA extraction, PCR and genetic analysis will be preferred.
Description of Work	This study focuses on understanding population and nesting ecology of House Sparrows across elevation gradients in the Uttarakhand State. And for this, nest monitoring using nest boxes at select sites will be carried out. Additionally, this project includes a molecular component to study the genetic structure of house sparrow populations so as to identify presence of subpopulations and their evolutionary history in the Uttarakhand Himalaya.
Duration	One year (extendible for a further period of one year, based on performance)
Salary	Rs. 22,000/month (inclusive of HRA)