

The Duleep Matthai Nature Conservation Fellowship Programme 2018

Registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950, the Duleep Matthai Nature Conservation Trust (DMNCT) supports work and activities that contribute to safeguarding and enhancing India's Ecological Security, particularly its basic life support systems, through protecting, restoring and enhancing the country's natural ecosystems, especially fragile ecosystems, conservation of endemic and endangered plant and animal species and their habitats.

About the Fellowship

In furtherance of its objectives, the Trust has instituted the Duleep Matthai Nature Conservation Fellowship Programme, which aims to support efforts of young and dynamic individuals deeply committed to conserving biodiversity, protecting habitats, and keeping in check the exploitation of nature and natural resources. Time-bound initiatives, involving direct implementation or action oriented research projects, should be in line with the objectives of the Trust and may include efforts to:

- 1 Conserve and restore** natural landscapes and other biodiversity rich areas.
- 2 Conserve** endemic and endangered plant and animal species and lesser known biodiversity.
- 3 Promote** innovative approaches towards addressing environmental problems, and environmental decision-making.
- 4 Strengthen** environmental governance.

Ground level action-oriented initiatives from practitioners as well as researchers that contribute to sustaining and enhancing India's ecological security by protecting, restoring and enriching India's forest cover, conserving endemic and endangered plant and animal species and their habitats, and restoring fragile ecosystems will especially be encouraged through the Fellowship Programme. Proposals that have an explicitly stated geographic and thematic focus stand a better chance of being selected. Preference would be given to applicants who do not have any ongoing support.

The Fellowship Programme is open to motivated Indian citizens, below 32 years of age. The Fellowship will be for a maximum period of two years. Each selected Fellow will receive an allowance of upto INR 2.5 lakh (tentative) per annum, the exact amount depending on the Fellow's plan of action and budget proposed.

The Duleep Matthai Nature Conservation Fellows may be required to attend periodic events, workshops and visit the work of the other Fellows to share experiences and garner support. The selected Fellows should be open to guidance and assistance from a peer organisation or individual.

The Fellowship Programme is administered by the Foundation for Ecological Security (www.fes.org.in).

Application Details

Applications are open until 10th June 2018.

Applications may be emailed to the matthaifellowships@fes.org.in.

Hard copies may be mailed by post to:

Duleep Matthai Nature Conservation Fellowship, C/o, Foundation for Ecological Security, Post Box - 29, At – Jahangirpura, PO – Gopalpura, Vadod- 388 370, Hadgud, District – Anand, Gujarat.

Each application received would be duly acknowledged.

Application should include:

1. A proposal (within 2000 words) that clearly articulates the problem, analysis and proposed course of action, a tentative time-frame, a tentative budget and a section on links/references, if any. Importantly, the applicant should explain how s/he would spend the two years and also what is expected to be achieved through the fellowship.
2. Curriculum vitae of the applicant.
3. Recommendation letter from three referees (other than relatives), along with their complete mailing address, phone number, email and Skype address (if available).

A Selection Committee will conduct the initial screening of the applications received. Shortlisted applicants would then be invited for personal interviews in September 2018.

For more information, please write to: matthaifellowships@fes.org.in