Vacancy Announcement under Research Project

Applications for the post of Research Assistants and Senior Research Assistant are invited on plain paper for research project: “mapping the wounded landscape of Swat valley: from Taliban violence to iconoclasm to social growth and reconciliation”. Prof. Dr. Arab Naz, Department of Sociology, University of Malakand, is the Co-investigator on this project. This project is funded by British Academy and implemented by Kings College London in collaboration with University of Malakand. The applications are invited as per following criterion.

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1. Terms and Conditions

1.1. Application completed in all respects (including CV, motivation statement and abstract of the M.Phil or PHD thesis) should reach the project office (email given below) at the Department of Sociology, University of Malakand.

1.2. Original documents shall have to be produced at the time of interview, to be held on the 06th of April, 2020.

1.3. Contact means, telephone numbers, email address and postal addresses should be provided for speedy correspondence.

1.4. The copi reserves the right to terminate the contract on the grounds of the researcher’s inability to perform his/her functions (see below for functions), or if the RA does not follow research ethics (information provided at the training).

1.5. Payment will be made to selected candidates as per approved head of the concerned post.

1.6. In service candidates will not be considered for the post unless they produce No Objection Certificate (NOC) from their employer.
2. Summary of post

The main aim of the project is to trace stories and map events and memories of the Taliban insurgency in Swat district through an ethnographic, qualitative approach. We seek to appoint x 4 research assistants (see above).

The appointees for this post will be expected to perform the following duties.

2.1. Job description

- Reading and summarising relevant literature in Urdu and Pashto as instructed by the project liaising officer.
- Conducting fieldwork in the research sites, both alone and accompanied by one of the team members of the project.
- Conducting or facilitating one-to-one interviews or focus-group discussions as required by the team members of the project.
- Translating and transcribing the interviews conducted.
- Providing input and own reflections to the rest of the project team on the data analysis of the interviews and focus group discussions.
- Supervising and facilitating the creation of, and sketching and drawing of personal memory maps and/or social memory community maps (training will be provided) pertaining to field sites.

3. Who is eligible for this post?

The candidates eligible for this post should fulfil the following criteria.

3.1. Essential

3.1.1. Hold a degree in sociology/social anthropology, archaeology, psychology, literature or cognate disciplines.

3.1.2. Should have used qualitative research methods in their studies or practice.

3.1.3. Should be fluent in Pashto: both speaking and understanding.

3.1.4. Have willingness and ability to conduct ethnographic fieldwork in Swat.

3.2. Desirable

3.2.1. Able to read and write Pashto

3.2.2. Have experience of conducting fieldwork.
3.2.3. Have a proven interest in social memory, cultural traditions, and/or cultural heritage and archaeology

4. Salary and Compensation

The salary for this post is 70 -80 thousand PKR, and no accommodation or relocation allowance to be paid. However, field travel expenses and meal costs will be covered.

Submission deadline for the applications is 25/03/2020.

Interviews will be held on 06/04/2020.

The documents should be sent in two separate files. One containing credentials and the photographs, and one containing the CV of the candidate. The CV is a very important part of the application and without the CV, the application should be considered incomplete.

The documents should be sent to DR Muhammad Salman Khan at m.salman.k85@gmail.com before 1pm on 25/03/2020.

Shortlisted candidates will be notified on the 16th of March before or at 23.59 PST.

Prof. Dr. Arab Naz
Co-Principal Investigator