



Call for Research Staff Position (Research Associate)

Date: 07 October 2025

About: Applications are invited from interested and motivated candidates for the post of **Research Associate (RA)** on the research project sponsored by the **Indian Council of Social Sciences Research**. The position will be purely on contractual basis as per the following details:

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| Position | Research Associate | Number of Vacancy: 01 |
| Funding Agency | Indian Council of Social Sciences Research (ICSSR) | |
| Project Title | Documenting Sushma Swaraj's Diplomatic Journey (2014-2019): Reflections on her Decision Making | |
| Principal Investigator | Dr. Veena R, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus | |
| Co-PIs | Prof. Sushila Shekhawat, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences Prof. Sangeeta Sharma, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences | |
| Project Tenure | 12 Months | |
| Project/Job Description | Research Associate under the direct supervision of PI and Co-PIs is expected to conduct archival and documentary research on speeches, interviews, press releases, and policy documents related to Sushma Swaraj's diplomatic engagements. Compilation and curation of primary and secondary sources are required. Conduction of qualitative interviews, thematic coding, data analysis, assistance in the management of digital repository of data and documents collected. The research associate needs to assist in drafting notes and reports of the project, and support the research team in organizing seminars, workshops, and dissemination activities. Overall, perform the project related duties as assigned by the team to ensure the timely completion of the project. | |
| Qualification | Postgraduate in any social sciences discipline, preferably Political Science, International Relations, or Media and Communication (55% minimum) with NET /M.Phil. / Ph.D. 2 years of research experience as a Research Assistant in any Project is preferable. | |
| Upper Age Limit | Age not exceeding 30 years as of the date of the interview. Age relaxation for applicants belonging to Scheduled Castes /Scheduled Tribes/OBC-Non-Creamy Layer/PwD candidates as per Govt. of India Rules. | |
| Fellowship/Stipend | 47,000 PM | |
| Registration for PhD | Selected candidate may be permitted to register for the PhD program of BITS Pilani subject to fulfilling the requirements of the PhD qualification process as per the institute norms. | |
| How to Apply | Email the following documents to: veena.r@pilani.bits-pilani.ac.in a. CV (Mention past education, technical skills, research experience, publications etc.) b. Cover letter and contact details of at least two academic referees. c. Copy of the NET/GATE/National-level exam score card (if applicable). | |
| Selection Process | Candidates will be shortlisted based on their merit, experiences and as per the requirements of the project. Shortlisted candidates will be informed of the interview which will be conducted through online mode. Only qualified and suitable candidates will be called for an interview. | |

Application Deadline: 20th October 2025