

# Research Assistant - Microbiology and Soil Ecosystems

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**Job No :** NIFS/Careers/2025/08/1142

**Work type :** Contract Basis

**Location :** NIFS Headquarters, Kandy, Sri Lanka

**Division/ Research Programmes :**

Microbiology and Soil Ecosystems

**Remuneration :**

Research Assistant – Rs. 85,305/- + Govt. Allowance.

As per circular 06/2025 salary at 2025.01.01 - 68,029/-

As per circular 06/2025 salary at 2026.01.01 - 76,667/-

As per circular 06/2025 salary at 2027.01.01 - 85,305/-

**Advertised :** 2025-08-26

**Applications close on :** 03.00 pm on 2025-09-09

**Description**

**Qualifications :**

1. A four year Degree with specialization in the relevant subject (Please see below) with First or Second Class (Upper Division) Honors

OR

2. A four year Degree with specialization in the relevant subject (Please see below) with Second Class (Lower Division) Honors

OR

3. A Degree with the relevant subjects (Please see below) and Postgraduate Degree in the relevant subject with a research component.

**Relevant Subjects for Projects**

Project – Microbiology and Soil Ecosystems

Relevant Subjects – Microbiology, Botany, Biological science, Biotechnology

Candidates with experience in cyanobacteria-related research will have an added advantage.

**Note:**

1. An applicant who is eligible under (2), (3) above could be considered for appointment only if applicants qualified under (1) above are either not available or evaluated and considered as unsatisfactory by the selection committee. Such appointment would require a special justification.
2. Applicants should fill and submit the online form which is available in [www.nifs.ac.lk](http://www.nifs.ac.lk)
3. Please note that it is the NIFS policy to appoint only the Research Assistants who register for a M.Phil/PhD degree and also work for a minimum of two years.
4. All the required details should be duly completed. Incomplete forms will be rejected.

**Age Limit :** Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years

**Benefits**

Employees will contribute 10% of their salary to the NIFS Staff Provident Fund, while the Institute will contribute 15%. In addition, the Institute will contribute 3% of the salary to the ETF.

**Selection Procedure**

From a structured interview conducted by a panel appointed by the NIFS.

**How to Apply.**

Applications should be submitted online (preferred) or under registered cover (should mention the relevant post applied, on the left-hand corner of the envelope) with copies of certificates in support of age and qualifications.

Submit the application online

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