



**Post-doctoral Associate Vacancy in the
Heritage Science and Society Programme, School of Humanities
National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore**

The National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) was conceived and established in 1988 by the vision and initiative of the late Mr J.R.D. Tata primarily to nurture a broad base of scholars, managers and leaders to address complex and important challenges faced by society through interdisciplinary approaches. The institute also engages in advanced multidisciplinary research in the areas of humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and engineering, as well as conflict and security studies. NITI Aayog has recognized NIAS as an "Institute of Exceptional Repute". For more details: www.nias.res.in

NIAS is conducting a research project titled "Towards a National Cultural Landscape Information System: Mapping Heritage Sites for Inclusive Planning," aims to create a National Database of Cultural Heritage Landscapes for India, marking the first step in scaling efforts across NIAS and partnering institutions. By focusing on 100 key archaeological sites, this project emphasizes geospatial mapping of both protected and unprotected heritage remnants. The resulting database will empower researchers, archaeologists, and planners to make balanced decisions that integrate heritage preservation with sustainable urban development, ensuring India's cultural legacy is safeguarded for future generations.

We are looking for qualified and enthusiastic candidates for the position of Post-doctoral Associate to work on the above project.

Job Description: The selected candidate will work with the Principal Investigator to achieve project deliverables and will be based at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore. Key responsibilities include:

- Research on cultural heritage sites
- Geospatial analysis and field surveys (field experience is a plus)
- Collaborative teamwork

Qualifications: The candidate should hold a Ph.D. degree (or have at least submitted their thesis) from a recognized university or institution in a related discipline, such as geoarchaeology, archaeology, history, heritage management, conservation, architecture, urban planning, art history, maritime/marine archaeology, computer vision, remote sensing, or GIS. The candidate should demonstrate a strong conceptual foundation in their field, excellent analytical and writing skills, and relevant fieldwork experience. Candidates with two years of post-PhD research experience will be considered for Level II and Level III for candidates with 4 years of post-PhD research experience.

Additionally, the following skill sets are desirable: remote sensing image analysis and ground truthing, GPS survey and navigation, and geospatial analysis.

Application: Process: Applicants should submit a single PDF containing:

1. Cover letter
2. Statement of Purpose detailing interest, motivation, and fit for the project
3. CV (with clear educational and research/work experience)
4. Scans of degree certificates
5. List of publications (attach any one peer reviewed paper)
6. Names and contact details of 3 references
7. Experience certificates (post-PhD only), if applicable

Deadline: Applications must be submitted by **20 June 2026**. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a presentation followed by an interview via video conference.

Compensation: Salary will align with qualifications and experience, competitive with premier institutions in the country.

Application Submission: Please send applications by email to: [\[mbrajani@nias.res.in\]](mailto:mbrajani@nias.res.in)