



PONDICHERY UNIVERSITY

Advertisement for Senior Project Assistant for ICMR-Funded Research Project

No.: PU/SSSIS/DoSW/ICMR/2026-27

Dated: 29/06/2026



Applications are invited from qualified and highly motivated candidates for the post of six **Senior Project Assistant** in a time-bound community-based research project focused on substance-use treatment funded by the **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)**, as per the following details:



Position	Senior Project Assistant
Number of Positions	06 (Six)
Project Title	Positive Deviance to Enhance Accessibility to Community-Based Stigma-Free Treatment for Alcohol and Substance Use Disorders in Public Health Facilities in Puducherry District
Department	Department of Social Work, School of Social Sciences and International Studies, Pondicherry University
Project Tenure	Three years or completion of the project, whichever is earlier.
Position Tenure	One year
Job Description	<p>To implement the training module and outpatient support services programmes in the Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centres (CHCs) in Puducherry District to initiate behaviour change and enhance access to outpatient treatment for substance use disorders.</p> <p>Selected candidates will have to travel to PHCs and CHCs across Puducherry District as assigned.</p> <p>Knowledge of substance use disorders, family support services to work with Positively Deviant Leaders (PDLs), substance users and their family members.</p>
Other Details	
1.	<p>Minimum Qualification</p> <p>Essential: U.G degree in Social Work/ Psychology/Sociology/Nursing/allied health sciences and relevant disciplines with 1-2 years of experience in community-based health research projects</p> <p>Proficiency in Tamil language. Documentation and report writing skills; possess valid two wheeler driving license</p>

2.	Desirable qualification:	Experience in social work/ public health/counselling interventions in the areas of drug demand reduction/ substance abuse prevention and treatment Experience in managing social research projects and data analysis tools
3.	Maximum Age Limit	30 Years
	Emoluments	Rs. 30,600 p.m. (no other allowances are payable)
5	Joining Date	The successful candidates must be able to join with effect from 31 st July 2026

How to apply: -

- All interested and eligible candidates are required to submit their resumes along with the duly filled-in application form in the prescribed format (**Annexure I**) along with **self-attested** scanned copies of **original documents** related to educational qualification, age, experience, etc. as **PDF** files through email to drugfreepuducherry@gmail.com
- Incomplete applications will be rejected without notice.
- The online application should be sent on or before **13th July 2026**.
- All the applications will be scrutinized by the duly constituted screening committee and shortlisted candidates will be **notified through email only**.
- Selection will be done based on an interview by the duly constituted selection committee.



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Annexure-I

**Application Form for Senior Project Assistant
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Project Title: "Positive Deviance to Enhance Accessibility to Community-Based Stigma-Free Treatment for Alcohol and Substance Use Disorders in Public Health Facilities in Puducherry District"

1. Name:

2. Gender:

3. Date of Birth:

4. Address for Communication:

5. Email id:

6. Phone No:

7. Educational Qualifications (from Class 10 onwards)
(Self-Attested copies of degree certificates and mark sheets must be presented at the time of the interview)

Degree	University / College/ Board	Year	Subject/s	Specialization	% Marks/ CGPA/CPI	Class (if any)

8. Previous Work Experience:

Name of organization	Position	Roles and Responsibilities	Period	
			From	To

9. Skills sets relevant to the project:

10: Any other relevant information, if any:

Declaration

I hereby declare that I have carefully read the instructions and particulars supplied to me and that the entries made in this application form are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. In the event of any information found false or incorrect at any time, action may be taken against me for disqualification for my candidature for the post applied for and I shall abide by the decision of the institute.

Signature of the Applicant:

Place:

Date: