

Field Course organized jointly by University of Edinburgh (UoE) and Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS) – 2020

Call for Volunteers

Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS) in collaboration with University of Edinburgh (UoE) is organizing a field course for MSc in Environment and Development students of University of Edinburgh (<https://www.ed.ac.uk/geosciences/postgraduate/taught-masters/msc-environment-development/about-the-programme>). This course aims to provide a unique opportunity to experience and explore at first-hand the intersection of environment and development issues within the Global South. They will be introduced to projects, practices and processes related to issues such as water management, community forestry, and adaptation to climate change, disaster management, and biodiversity conservation. Students will meet with a range of people from government, development agencies, (I)NGOs, grassroots organisations, research institutions, and local communities. Based on these initial interactions and insights, students will then design, develop and conduct small group research projects, facilitated by UoE staff and SIAS. *(To know more about last year experience on field course please visit <http://www.sias-southasia.org/httpwww-sias-southasia-orgnew/sias-uoefield-course-2019/>)*

Volunteer Experience:

The course and field trip will provide a supportive and shared experience that will prove invaluable to volunteers and help to develop idea for masters' thesis in future. The course will help exposing the volunteers with diverse issues related to environment and development particularly focusing on issues related to community forestry, water resources management, biodiversity conservation and climate change. It will also allow the volunteers to encounter to the 'real world' with regard to how things happen on the ground. The course also encourages volunteers to reflect on the process of 'fieldwork' itself, its ethical dimensions, and the role it has to play in academic research and in the practice of international development and environmental management.

For this programme, we are looking for 4 (Four) volunteers who can help the SIAS- UoE Field course Organizing Team in the following:

- Participate in lectures and field visits
- Translation to UE student during field works
- Posting on social media (Twitter and Facebook)
- Rapporteur different sessions
- Providing assistance in other tasks as required
- Venue preparation, registration, and logistics

When and Where?

The SIAS-Edinburgh Summer School will be organized from 12-23rd of April, 2020 at Kathmandu, Pokhara and its surrounding.

Who can apply?

- Masters level students preparing for their dissertation work on the field of environment, forestry, development Studies, climate change and similar field
- Are available full time from 12th to 23rd April 2020 (Including weekend)
- Are proficient in English (who can translate Nepali to English)
- Can provide assistance and support in event logistics
- Have basic skill of data collection using participatory research tools such as focused group discussion
- Possess social media skills (like Facebook, twitter)

How to Apply for Volunteer?

Write letter of interest (max 300 words) and apply through

<https://forms.gle/KN7ph2LZzKDowgz58>

When is the deadline?

Please send you application on or before **15 March, 2020**.

When Will I know if I am Chosen?

Selected candidates will be called for a brief interview before 25 March, 2020. Note, we will only consider applicants who are available on all days.

Benefits:

We will cover the cost of food and accommodation during the field visit and lecture. In addition, we will provide small amount as honorarium.

(This also includes the availability every evening to provide logistical support to the SIAS team)