

### Vacancy Announcement in M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation

<b>General Information</b>	:	<b>M S Swaminathan Research Foundation is inviting applications for Development Coordinator - Farmer Producer Organizations</b>
<b>About MSSRF</b>	:	<p>The M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) was established in 1988 as a not-for-profit trust. MSSRF was envisioned and founded by Professor M. S. Swaminathan. The Foundation aims to accelerate use of modern science for agricultural and rural development for development and dissemination of technology to improve lives and livelihoods of tribal and rural communities. MSSRF follows a pro-poor, pro-women and pro-nature approach and applies appropriate science and technology options to address practical problems faced by rural populations in agriculture, food and nutrition.</p> <p>MSSRF is present in six states of India. Please visit our website for more information. <a href="http://www.mssrf.org">http://www.mssrf.org</a>.</p>
<b>Job Title</b>	:	Development Coordinator - Farmer Producer Organizations
<b>Job Code</b>	:	PA4FPO51222C
<b>Age Limit</b>	:	35 and above
<b>Essential Qualification</b>	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-graduation in Agriculture/ Development studies/Rural management/Agri Business management or equivalent from recognized University</li> <li>• Minimum of five years' hands-on experience in working with Producer organizations and its development, business planning and value chains in agriculture</li> </ul>
<b>Desirable Qualification</b>	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience of interacting with rural communities and understanding problems associated with socio-economic development.</li> <li>• Knowledge of organising SHGs, Producer groups and promoting Micro-financial services.</li> <li>• Experiential knowledge on the procedures and operations of Farmer Producer Organisations and establishing linkages with development partners.</li> <li>• Have good documentation skills for regular reporting and sharing key learnings</li> <li>• Possess hands-on project management skills for close monitoring and tracking progress by developing appropriate MIS</li> <li>• Hands on experience and Knowledge on backward and forward linkages required for developing Value Chains for various bioresources and agricultural commodities, including processing, brand development and market linkages.</li> </ul>
<b>Job Description</b>	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinating with MSSRF field sites for promoting and strengthening of FPO's functioning</li> <li>• Develop suitable training courses to empower the members of FPOs and CBOs, and experience in conducting training in key areas such as governance and management, business development, social inclusion and equity in benefit-sharing and statutory compliances.</li> <li>• Assisting the FPOs to identify appropriate market linkages and develop business plans, and secure required legal and financial licenses, permits and compliances</li> <li>• Supporting FPOs to enhance their credibility and eligibility to access equity grants, credit guarantee support etc from developmental schemes and partners.</li> <li>• Maintain and build working relationships with a range of stakeholders in order to facilitate networks and partnerships required for provisioning of multiple,</li> </ul>

		<p>need-based services to members and engaging them to actively contribute to the business portfolios of the FPOs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake need based special studies, when required, for planning, market linkages, strengthening the FPOs internal operations etc. (can set up systems to involve SBI fellows, management students in this process)</li> <li>• Organising workshops and consultations to consolidate and share learnings</li> <li>• Maintaining database of POs &amp; FPOs across MSSRF field sites.</li> </ul>
<b>Location</b>		Chennai
<b>Period</b>	:	Contract for one year and extendable
<b>Remuneration</b>	:	Negotiable: Based on qualification and experience
<b>Terms &amp; Conditions:</b>	:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Those candidates, who are already employed in any organization, should bring “No Objection Certificate” from the present employer</li> <li>2. The candidates have to produce all the original certificates at the time of interview for verification</li> <li>3. Upon selection candidates are expected to join duty immediately.</li> <li>4. Candidates can only apply either for Scientist or Senior Scientist within the given specialization</li> </ol>
<b>Mode of Application</b>	:	<p>The candidates must provide information about their academic records, achievement and experience details. Candidates should also give the contact details of two referees with whom they have worked in last 2 years. MSSRF is a woman-friendly employer with a gender policy. Women candidates are encouraged to apply. Send application by post or E-mail. <b>Application must clearly indicate with Job code “PA4FPO51222C”.</b></p> <p>Kindly fill the google form: <a href="https://forms.gle/17BovoW3oudHWQiq5">https://forms.gle/17BovoW3oudHWQiq5</a></p> <p><b>Please send the recent CV by email before the last date to:</b>  M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation  Third Cross Street, Institutional Area,  Taramani, Chennai 600 113  email: <a href="mailto:adm@msrfr.res.in">adm@msrfr.res.in</a></p>
<b>Last date of application</b>	:	20.12.2022