Karnataka JnanaAayoga (Karnataka Knowledge Commission)  
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Sub: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: Short-term Consultants on contract for KJA Secretariat

A] ABOUT KJA

- Karnataka Jnana Aayoga (KJA) (www.jnanaayoga.in) has been playing a leading role, from 2008 onwards, in the state on knowledge activities. The present KJA has been formally notified on December 28, 2013 and started its full-time functioning from March, 2014 onwards. The main aims and objectives of the present KJA are to recommend actions for institution building, policy innovation and excellence in the field of education, health, S&T, industry, entrepreneurship, research and innovation, traditional knowledge, agriculture, E-Governance, rural development and ANY other relevant areas.

- KJA is mainly a recommendatory body – a body of experts and professionals in various fields who, together, bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise. As of now KJA has 29 external Members, including the Member-Secretary, and these are professionals/experts in different fields.

- The present KJA, since it started functioning formally from March, 2014, has already submitted 3 specific recommendations/reports to the government – one, for establishment of Karnataka-GIS (through IT/BT Department); two, for establishment of Cauvery Gallery in Mysore University (through Tourism Department) and three, for establishment of a Biodiversity Park at Madivala Lake (through Forest and Environment Department). In addition, KJA is in the process of formulating recommendations for a Karnataka Sports Policy, Karnataka Skill Development Plan, Education Technology usage and Edusat Utilisation in Higher Education institutions of the state, developing a unique Nursing Training Simulator, studying archaeological sites using Remote Sensing and GIS, Arts administration and management, developing a Karnataka State Education Policy (KSEP) etc. Apart from these, KJA will also consider other knowledge-oriented ideations of relevance to the state.

B] ABOUT KJA SECRETARIAT

- KJA Secretariat functions under Member-Secretary of KJA to implements all actions and undertake any background and secretarial work for KJA. KJA Secretariat works on technical and administrative/financial activities to support KJA. KJA Secretariat supports the various Task Groups and Task Teams established by KJA.

- KJA Secretariat works with professionals/consultants hired on time-bound contract basis, reporting to Member-Secretary, KJA.
C] CONTRACT CONSULTANTS NEEDED FOR KJA SECRETARIAT

- KJA has established an expert Task Group to develop Karnataka State Education Policy (TG-KSEP). The TG has already initiated the activities to prepare a comprehensive and futuristic policy for education in the state.

- KJA is planning to hire 2 short-duration (3 months duration) consultants as Research Associates in the KJA Secretariat for supporting the Task group on Karnataka State Education Policy (KSEP):

  1. **Research Associate** (INR 35k total remuneration) - assist the KSEP Research Group with reviewing secondary literature and preparing policy briefs, data gathering, coordinating meetings, conducting field work, minuting meetings and drafting recommendation pertaining to education and specifically to teacher education in Karnataka State. **Tenure – 3 months.**
     - **Qualification:** PhD in relevant field of Engineering OR Science OR Arts/Social Sciences OR Humanities with about 2 yrs experience OR Masters in Engineering OR Science OR Arts/Social Sciences OR Humanities with about 5-6 yrs experience.
     - **Work experience:** should have engaged with research work in the education policy space, assisting committees, drafting reports, conducting field studies, preparing status papers etc. Should be familiar with research writing, literature review skill, etc
     - Should be familiar with and able to carry out secondary literature survey, handle data, etc. Should have some working knowledge of teacher education sector.

  2. **Research Associate** (INR 35k total remuneration) - assist the Karnataka State Education Policy (KSEP) Data Analysis Group for analysis of all education related data for Karnataka and the country. **Tenure – 3 months.**
     - **Qualification:** PhD in relevant field of Engineering OR Science OR Arts/Social Sciences OR Humanities with about 2 yrs experience OR Masters in Engineering OR Science OR Arts/Social Sciences OR Humanities with about 5-6 yrs experience.
     - **Work experience** (Preferred): Worked on big data, experience with statistical techniques like extrapolation. Adept in MS Excel or Access and statistical analysis.
     - Should be willing to work independently with minimum instructions.

- Following are applicable Terms and conditions for the above positions:
  - Remuneration is fixed and not-negotiable.
  - These consulting positions are purely on contract basis with a consolidated monthly remuneration. No other benefit or allowances or any other amount will be payable.
  - These contract consulting positions are for a period of **3 months only** and extensions to this term is not automatically guaranteed.
  - On the basis of this consulting position, the selected candidates will not be automatically entitled for OR stake any claim for any further appointment either on temporary or permanent basis at KJA or any other Government / semi Government/ Quasi Government agency or Commission or Committee on completion of the term.
  - Canvassing of any type will lead to immediate disqualification.
• All consultants will formally report to Member-Secretary, KJA – who will assign work/tasks from time to time.
• Selected candidates will adhere to and follow the rules and regulations of KJA and work diligently for the objectives of KJA.
• KJA reserves the right to terminate these contract consulting positions with 15 days notice.
• In case selected candidate wishes to terminate the contract then he/she will have to provide 15 days notice before resigning midway.
• The decision of KJA for selection and term is final.

E) CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

• Application from interested and eligible candidates is called for above posts.

• Interested and qualifying candidates may please forward CV/Biodata WITH names of 2 references (for background and merit check) AND indicating for which contract consulting position applied for.

• Please attach the following signed certificate in the application (without this certificate the application will be treated as invalid):

This is to certify that I have applied for .......................................................position in KJA Secretariat against the Call for Applications dated ........................................ I also certify that I have read the terms and conditions of the Call for Applications and agree to adhere with it without any conditions. I also certify that the qualifications/experience and other details in my CV/Biodata are correct and authentic. I certify that, if selected, I will adhere to the KJA Secretariat rules and regulations and will work diligently, honestly and efficiently for all tasks and works assigned to me.

Date: ................................................ ............
Full Name: ................................................ ............
Email: ................................................ ............
Mobile: ................................................ ............

Time is of essence as the positions are for short duration. All Applications, in pdf format only, must be sent before September 10, 2015 to Mr Ashok Kumar, Admin./Finance Executive, KJA BY EMAIL ONLY to: ashokkumarks8752@gmail.com

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