

**School of Media and Cultural Studies
Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai**

Call for Applications for a Research Assistant

**Exploring Digital Citizenship Among Youth in India
*Expressions, Assertions, and Negotiations***

About SMCS

The School of Media and Cultural Studies, (SMCS) of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai is engaged in media teaching, production, research and dissemination. A unique feature of the School is the close linkage between its technical and academic work. The work of the School facilitates a synergy between research, teaching and production, all of which are informed by a keen sense of connection with local subaltern cultures of resistance and invention. Production is an important component of the School's work. Its films are widely distributed and used. The School is also involved in media and cultural studies research.

About the Project

The School of Media and Cultural Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai is looking for a Research Assistant (RA) for a duration of six months (1 November - 30 April 2024) for the project "Exploring Digital Citizenship Among Youth in India: Expressions, Assertions, and Negotiations". The position is funded by the American Jewish World Service (AJWS), the international development and human rights organisation that supports community-based projects in many countries across the world.

SMCS, TISS seeks to hire a RA who will work with the project lead to:

- conduct a small qualitative research project around access to Internet among young people in Mumbai, particularly through public WiFi projects. This will involve gathering primary data from government sources, field visits and interviews, and putting together an annotated bibliography to establish the context of the study. The RA will also be expected to provide logistical support for a short film on the same theme.
- Provide backend assistance in the organisation of an upcoming student seminar in January 2024.
- The various project outcomes will be hosted on a microsite. Compilation of relevant material and coordination with the web developers will also be the RA's responsibility.

Minimum Requirements

1. A Master's degree in the areas of sociology, political science, urban studies, anthropology, media studies or mass communication, and other allied fields.
2. Interest in issues of science, technology, and society; policymaking; cities, etc.
2. Research, fieldwork, and writing experience.
3. Knowledge of Hindi and English is a must. Candidates with an additional knowledge of Marathi will be given preference.

Duration and Location

6 months (1 December 2023 – 31 May 2024) in Mumbai

Remuneration

25,000 INR per month all-inclusive (subject to tax deduction). Additionally, travel

and other expenses incurred during the fieldwork will be reimbursed.

To Apply

Interested candidates can send their applications to digitalcitizenshiptiss@gmail.com by 27th October 2023. Please enclose you latest CV and a brief note explaining your interest in the project.