The MAP Academy — a project of the Museum of Art & Photography (MAP), Bengaluru — is looking for a Research Associate to join its team of researchers and editors working on the Encyclopedia of Art.

About the MAP Academy

The MAP Academy is a non-profit online platform — consisting of an encyclopedia, courses and a blog — that encourages knowledge building and engagement with the histories of art.

The MAP Academy Encyclopedia of Art (MAEA) is a detailed and inclusive resource that covers biographies of artists and institutions, explanations of techniques and materials and thematic essays on historical trends. The MAEA uses the sensibilities of existing encyclopedia conventions while also adapting to the digital medium and its possibilities.

Our Online Courses are underpinned by our Core Course Programme, which includes introductory histories to Textiles; Photography; Modern & Contemporary Art; Craft; Narrative Painting; and Archeology, Sculpture & Architecture. These contain knowledge-based, skill-based and case study-based content taught through audio, text and videos, in asynchronous formats suitable for self-paced learning.

Established in India, most of our current content focuses on art from within the modern geographic boundaries of the country, and we are now expanding to include broader histories of the subcontinent. Our work is supported by the Museum of Art & Photography (MAP), but our editorial choices are entirely independent.

Role Overview

The Research Associate will be responsible for researching and writing about a variety of subjects ranging from textiles, folk art, photography, architecture to pre-modern art as well as modern and contemporary art in India. In their role, they will report to the Managing Editor.

We invite applications from candidates who:

- Have a Master’s degree in the arts, with a demonstrable focus on an aspect of the following: Textiles, Folk Art, Photography, Architecture, Pre-Modern Art, Modern and Contemporary Art in India.
- Have an interest in and knowledge of art and culture, and experience with arts and
culture-related writing. Professional experience in the art industry is preferred.

- Have an excellent command over written (compositional) English, an exceptional eye for detail and strong communication skills.
- Have a degree of familiarity with Indian art history and the ability to present complex ideas and arguments along with visual analysis effectively for a general audience.
- Are comfortable working on the Google workspace and remote working technology, specifically Google Docs and Google Sheets, along with other tools available on the Google Suite and have a working familiarity with the Chicago Manual of Style and its latest editions.
- Are proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel.
- Able to set and track measurable goals and deliver on assigned deadlines.
- Responsible and accountable for their own decisions.
- Are driven, able to adhere to deadlines and work seamlessly across levels and teams, using remote working technologies across a number of time-zones.

Applicants must be proactive, driven, able to adhere to deadlines and work seamlessly across levels and teams.

Culture and Values

Driven by a belief in our work and its potential for positive impact, as well as our responsibility to the public, the individuals or communities we write about and our own teams, partners and collaborators, the MAP Academy emphasises a communicative and respectful work environment.

MAP is an equal opportunities employer. It opposes all forms of discrimination and believes that all people, regardless of their identity or membership of any group deserve to be treated equally, consistently and fairly. It aims for recruiting processes to be transparent and open, giving everyone an opportunity to apply and for their application to be reviewed by the hiring team.

Application and nomination process

To apply, fill in the application form here.

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will receive confirmation via email. Following this, they will be presented with a task and invited for interviews. The role will then commence on 1st November 2022.

Please write to shrey.maurya@map-india.org with any queries you may have.