

TEA TASTER

A Tea Taster is a trained individual who is responsible for determining the quality of a particular sample of tea. Not only is a tea taster tasked with determining the quality of tea, but he/she is also responsible for highlighting the difference between various types of tea.

PERSONAL COMPETENCIES



- You pay attention to details
- You are good at working independently
- You like putting things together or assembling things



The approx. course fee ranges between **INR 24,000 to 1,00,000***

**These figures are estimated numbers and will vary from Institute to Institute.*

SCHOLARSHIPS

- **National Scholarship Portal** - Visit www.scholarships.gov.in. Under this portal there are Central Government / Assam Government scholarship schemes offered by different departments, UGC/AICTE Schemes*
- Visit www.buddy4study.com for details on available scholarships. This is a gateway to scholarships starting from Class XI.
- Scholarships are also available in the institutes themselves based on merit.

**(Availability of these scholarships can vary from time to time)*

LOANS

- **VidyaLakshmi**, www.vidyalakshmi.co.in, is a portal for students seeking education loan. This portal has been developed under the guidance of the Department of Financial Services, (Ministry of Finance), Department of Higher Education (Ministry of Human Resource Development) and Indian Banks Association (IBA). Students can view, apply and track the education loan applications on the website.

- All banks give education loans.



ENTRY PATHWAY

1. Complete 10 + 2 in the Science stream (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)
2. Complete a Bachelor's degree (BSc) in Botany/Horticulture/Agricultural Sciences/Food Sciences or other related fields

OR

Complete a Bachelor's degree followed by a Master's degree (MSc) in the same or related field

OR

Complete a Bachelor's degree followed by a certificate course on tea tasting

Please check the duration of the course during enrolment



EXPECTED INCOME

**The figures are indicative & subject to change*

The approx. salary of a Tea Taster ranges between **INR 22,300-2,00,000*** per month.

Source: <https://www.jobted.in/salary/sommelier>

WHERE WILL YOU WORK?

Places of Work: Tea companies

Work Environment: It is not a desk job. You are likely to supervise a team of tea estate workers. Local travel is not a part of this job role. Part-time work and contractual jobs are likely to be available. Companies usually work for 6 to 7 days a week and 8 to 9 hours every day. This may vary from company to company.

EXPECTED GROWTH PATH

Tea Processing Worker → Tea Taster →
Plantation Manager

Search keywords...



tea taster, specialty tea taster

WHERE WILL YOU STUDY?

Institutes offering courses in tea tasting.

The list is indicative only

1. Birla Institute of Futuristic Studies, Kolkata
2. Dipras Institute of Professional Studies, Kolkata
3. Indian Institute of Plantation Management, Bangalore
4. University of North Bengal, West Bengal
5. NITM, West Bengal
6. Assam Agriculture University, Assam
7. Ch. Sarwan Kumar Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya (CSKHPKV), Himachal Pradesh
8. Uttar Banga Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, West Bengal
9. Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Tamil Nadu
10. Asian School of Tea, Darjeeling



EXAMPLE FROM THE FIELD

Snigdha Manchanda is India's first certified tea sommelier, tea taster and tea consultant. She founded her company Tea Trunk in 2013. Manchanda received her training from a professional tea school in Sri Lanka, where she studied under the guidance of Japanese tea master, Nao Kumekawa. Following the Lankan experience she did a stint at The Speciality Tea Institute, New York, where she studied the art of blending. She also has a Bachelor's in Management Studies (BMS) in marketing, rural marketing, international business, organizational development, human resources from the University of Mumbai.*

Source: <https://teatrunk.in/pages/about>

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