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JOB DESCRIPTION

Associate Product/Exhibition Designer - Design Lab

About Us

The Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS) is a national education institution committed to the equitable, sustainable and efficient transformation of Indian settlements. IIHS aims to establish an independently funded and managed national university for research and innovation focused on the challenges and opportunities of India's urban transition. The proposed IIHS University will host an integrated programme of quality campus-based education and research, training and lifelong learning for working professionals, distance and blended learning, as well as a whole array of practice and advisory services. The university will have a strong interdisciplinary orientation bringing together theory and praxis that is grounded in the South Asian context and also engages with and draws from knowledge across the globe.

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About IIHS Design Lab

At IIHS, the Design Lab anchors practice and research at the intersection of design, architecture and the development sector. The driving principle of the Design Lab is that development sector initiatives can have significantly enhanced outcomes in terms of aesthetics and sustainability, and that this is primarily a complex function of people, resources and context.

The Design Lab focuses on aspects of spatial planning, urban design and architecture in the context of urban development. The work includes inquiries in spatial design of development sector interventions and recommendations for localization of such interventions through socio-cultural, governance and material inquiry and analysis. The core approach is through questioning and intervening on the concept of 'sustainability in context' associated with development sector interventions.

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IIHS Design Lab is looking to hire a product designer with around 2 to 5 years of work experience. This is a full-time position in the Design Lab at IIHS, based out of Bengaluru. The responsibilities for this position will include supporting Design Lab projects and leading on identified components of these projects, that will include but not be restricted to furniture design, display interface design, visual communication and retrofit in development sector infrastructure such as health care, education, housing, green spaces, sustainable mobility, green buildings, etc. The work will involve direct product design intervention as per regular business practices, as well as research, publications, prototyping and creation of policies, standards and guidelines.

Apart from this responsibility, the position is expected to be involved in the full range of activities at IIHS. The candidate will thus also be expected to be part of IIHS' teaching programmes, its public conferences and conventions, and its capacity building programmes through executive education and short courses.

Structure and Reporting
The Associate Product Designer – Design Lab will report to the Lead/Consultant – Design Lab at IIHS and will collaborate effectively with a diverse group of internal teams and external faculty/organizations, and students.

Activities and Tasks

- Literature review and research for existing practices, standards and innovations;
- Site visits for primary data collection, including spatial, quantitative and qualitative data;
- Furniture design, interior design, visual communication design, working drawings, renderings, representations and details;
- Organizing workshops and consultations with key stakeholders.

Person specification
The candidate is required to possess a professional degree in Design and/or Master's in Design. In addition, she/he is expected to possess 2-5 years of relevant experience. Prior experience in architecture for development sector design and implementation will be given preference. The person will be required to travel from time to time as per project requirements.

Software skills required for this role include:

- Proficiency in AutoCAD, Revit, SketchUp, Adobe Photoshop, InDesign, 3ds Max;
- Model making.

This offer is on an exclusive basis, which implies that other professional assignments (whether compensated or not) that bear a potential conflict of interest with IIHS cannot be undertaken.

The search will remain open until the position is filled.

Location
The position is based in Bengaluru and may entail travel to other locations in India.

Review and Assessment
The role and performance of the candidate shall be subject to normal review and assessment systems at IIHS.

Diversity Policy
IIHS is an equal opportunity employer that encourages women, people with disabilities and those from economically and socially excluded communities with the requisite skills and qualifications to apply for positions.

Contact
Please email an updated resume, along with a cover letter addressing how you meet the above requirements, to hr@iihs.co.in (Subject: Associate Product/ Exhibition Designer – Design Lab).

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