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The IIHS Post-Doctoral Programme

A Call for Fellows

Post-Doctoral Fellow in Metropolitan Development and Land
Based Financing for Urban Infrastructure and Development

The IIHS Post-Doctoral Programme: GCRF PEAK

IIHS seeks Post-Doctoral Fellows to join its vibrant intellectual environment within the Academics and Research programme. IIHS is increasingly recognized in India and internationally as a significant node in urban research and practice on the global South. Its promotion of inter-disciplinary pedagogy, on-the-ground learning, an excellent library on various aspects of the urban, and a convivial place for research make it an ideal location for scholarship.

Post-Doctoral fellowships at IIHS typically have one or two-year terms, and some may be extendable. While Fellows are hired institutionally at IIHS, each is hired into a specific and on-going research-based project, which will be the Fellow's first home within IIHS. *This call is associated with the PEAK consortium, funded by the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF), UK.*

Led by the University of Oxford, and in partnership with IIHS, Peking University and the University of Cape Town, the PEAK consortium has identified four overarching themes of urban dynamics. Researchers will work across natural sciences (including mathematics, medicine, transport and engineering), the social sciences (including anthropology, development, migration) and humanities (including law, history). The PEAK framework synthesises traditional urban studies disciplines with emergent new urban sciences in a programme of research and capacity building across the humanities, social, sciences and natural sciences. PEAK is grounded in the logic of urban complexity to develop an array of disciplinary perspectives that will address the challenges of the 21st century city. More details on the PEAK consortium are available here: <http://gtr.rcuk.ac.uk/projects?ref=ES/P011055/1>

Project-related research will account for up to half of the Fellow's time, though this can vary for different projects. The remaining time is equally split between the Fellow's own research and writing as well as their participation in IIHS institutional roles. These roles include: teaching in on-going academic or capacity building programmes, participating in the internal conference and seminar series, and supporting institutional processes.

The focus of the PEAK project is particularly on developing a new cohort of interdisciplinary urban researchers, and therefore offers multiple opportunities for young scholars to develop research, teaching, and writing skills. Opportunities exist for individual scholarship, collaborative work with scholars at partner institutions including the University of Oxford, and the University of Cape Town, as well as potential travel to partner institutions through summer schools and internships.

Post-Doctoral Fellow in Metropolitan Development and Land Based Financing for Urban Infrastructure and Development

India's cities are experiencing rapid, fragmented and unequal development. Shrinking municipal budgets, rising real estate prices and awareness that local capacities and local autonomy are critical for building resilient cities, have refocused attention on land as a place-based resource for metropolitan development finance. The proposed research project will examine land based financing in Bangalore's urban and periurban areas that are being used by public agencies and new public- private governance entities. Key questions that will shape the research will include (but not be limited to) (1) Are land based financing instruments and their valuation approaches appropriate for the structures, incentives, processes and affordability conditions in local land markets? (2) How do statutory conditions, governance systems and territorial jurisdictions affect the deployment of these instruments? (3) How is land based financing affecting urban investment and spatial inequality patterns?

The position seeks a person whose research interests broadly align with issues of urban infrastructure and development financing, urban land markets, urban governance and urban fiscal reforms. We are particularly interested in someone whose work engages with land-based financing strategies, land value capture and market-facing financing strategies for urban infrastructure and development projects, including different forms of public- private partnerships.

The candidate will be part of the process of expanding ongoing research at IHS on metropolitan governance and urban financing. New research in this area will seek to build research on how systems of urban finance are being consolidated and transformed in the current urban policy and governance context. An interest in urban policy, urban governance systems and land and property recording systems would be an advantage. Field work will be in Bengaluru.

Through the fellowship, there will be opportunities for pursuing existing and individual work as well as generating new research opportunities within these themes.

Fieldwork: *This position is based in Bengaluru, with travel for fieldwork. This is a one-year position, extendable. Working knowledge of Kannada would be an advantage.*

Qualifications: Applicants should hold a PhD in a relevant field (urban policy, urban economics, land economics, real estate studies, economic geography, development studies, public policy studies, urban studies, public finance, public management, economic sociology, among others), with a proven research and publication record in or across urban governance and finance, urban economics, land economics, urban and regional economic development, economic geography, urban studies, public finance, public policy, and at least one publication in a noted peer-reviewed academic journal. Ideal applicants will have experience of leading or being part of field research projects in Indian cities.

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.

To Apply: Please email a detailed and updated Curriculum Vitae (must include at least two possible references), along with a cover letter addressing how you meet the above requirements, to hr [at] iihs dot co dot in (Subject: Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Metropolitan Development and Land Based Financing for Urban Infrastructure and Development).

Note

All offers are 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.



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