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**The IIHS Post-Doctoral Programme**  
A Call for Fellows

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Post-Doctoral Fellow in Urban Food Systems

## The IIHS Post-Doctoral Programme

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: this call is for the Hungry Cities Partnership (HCP). The HCP is an international network of cities and city-based partner organizations which focuses on the relationships between rapid urbanization, informality, inclusive growth and urban food systems in the Global South. The HCP conducts collaborative research, training and advocacy with the objective of providing innovative solutions to the challenge of building sustainable cities and policies and programs that promote food security in the cities. The HCP currently operates in China, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Mexico, Mozambique and South Africa and is funded by the International Partnerships for Sustainable Development (IPaSS) program of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

Candidates must be fluent in English, and Kannada-speaking ability is strongly desirable. This position is based in Bengaluru. It is a one-year position, of which a minimum of three months will have to be spent at the Balisillie School in Canada or at the University of Cape Town in South Africa.

**Post-Doctoral Fellow in Urban Food Systems:** This call is for a Post-Doctoral Fellow to work on questions of food systems and informal economies in cities. This research area at IIHS seeks to explore the role of the food economy in achieving inclusive growth in Indian cities, focusing particularly on employment opportunities for women and youth. The HCP will be the Fellow's first home within the institution. 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 position seeks a person whose research interests broadly align with issues of urban food systems, informal economies, and livelihoods. We are particularly interested in candidates that are interested in doing primary research and building out a portfolio of work around questions of urban food systems in cities. The Fellow will join an ongoing project and will be jointly responsible for designing and implementing a food enterprise survey in Bengaluru.

There will be opportunities for pursuing existing and individual work as well as generating new research opportunities within these themes after the current project is completed.

Fellows will receive support and advice for publishing their doctoral thesis and other related work. IIHS has created an internationally-recognised programme that allows Post-Doctoral Fellows to grow and be mentored for their future careers. All Fellows are thus paired with specific mentors within IIHS (within or outside their core research project). A Fellow's mentorship and progress is tracked through six monthly performance reviews that help Fellows attain their individual and institutional goals during their time at IIHS.

**Outcome:** Apart from publications, Fellows would have had teaching experience and curriculum development to show for as they move onto academic careers. A select set of Fellows have been drawn into the IIHS faculty over the last few years. Others have gone on to take up positions in leading international universities. An emerging opportunity is in international development agencies and policy positions.

**Qualifications:** Applicants should hold a PhD in a relevant field (development studies, economics, urban studies, geography, among others), with proven research and publication histories in or across urban studies, poverty, livelihoods, or economic development. Ideal applicants will have experience of leading or being part of field research projects in Indian cities. Candidates with experience managing primary surveys will be strongly preferred.

**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 Urban Food Systems).



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