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INDIAN INSTITUTE FOR
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JOB DESCRIPTION

Senior Associate – Economic Development

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 of eminence for research and innovation focused on the challenges and opportunities of India's urban transition. The proposed IIHS University will be an institution of eminence that 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.

For more information, please see <http://www.iihs.co.in>

Job Description

IIHS is seeking a Senior Associate interested in working on issues of urban economic development with a focus on livelihoods, informal work, and social protection. The person will join two projects in their first two years. The first traces the place of home-based workers in global supply chains with manufacturing bases in India. The second looks at the extension of formal work benefits such as maternity leave, income support or other labour protections to informal sector workers. Work within the projects is fieldwork-intensive, employs multiple methodological approaches (economic, spatial and ethnographic) and extensive travel, particularly between Jaipur, Delhi and Bengaluru.

The Senior Associate will also be encouraged to begin and further their areas of research, with support for the same.

Activities and Tasks

Responsibilities would include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Co-ordinating and leading fieldwork on projects related to livelihoods, informality and social protection;
- Providing research support to on-going projects, including analytical writing, policy advisory, and project documentation;
- Extensive field work as required on research or practice projects;
- Curriculum development and teaching on economic development in both short and long-term academic programmes; training and/or assisting in training on relevant modules in IIHS' executive education (capacity building) programmes;
- Participating in all activities of Institution-Building at IIHS; carrying out tasks as assigned by IIHS; and travelling on IIHS work within or outside the country as and when needed.

Structure and Reporting

The Senior Associate - Economic Development will report to the Lead - Academics & Research at IIHS and collaborate effectively with a diverse group of internal teams and external individuals/ organizations, and students.

Person Specification

An ideal candidate will have a Master's degree in a relevant discipline (economics, development studies, sociology, and design, among others) with a proven research and practice record on aspects of IIHS' housing portfolio as described above. They will have at least 5 years of experience on research or practice projects, evidence of capacity to do field work, as well as strong writing capabilities.

Applications must have spoken and written proficiency in Hindi and English. Ideal applicants will be proficient in one other modern Indian language, among which Bengali, Rajasthani, Kannada and Tamil are preferred.

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 New Delhi and will entail extensive travel to other locations in India.

Review and Assessment

The role and performance of the incumbent 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.

To apply

If you are interested to explore this opportunity with us, please fill the online application form by clicking [here](#). (You can also click on the "Apply Now" button at the end of the Job Description displayed on the website).

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Please write to us at hr@iihs.co.in if you need any clarifications while filling the online application form.



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