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**JOB DESCRIPTION**

# Senior Associate – Urban Health

## 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.

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## Job Description

IIHS is seeking a person to join the urban health research and practice team. We are looking for scholars and practitioners whose work, as part of the proposed School of Human Development, aligns with different approaches to urban health systems from epidemiological to governance aspects; spatial and planning-based approaches; intersections with housing, infrastructure and planning; health finance as well as health policy, specifically the delivery of social protections within the health system as well as community health. We take and extend the social determinants of health approach within the School, and are interested in a comprehensive and multi-sectoral approach to urban health.

The Senior Associate will support research and practice across urban health projects at IIHS. In the first two years, their core work will be to support the setting up of a neighbourhood and city-region scaled observatory on urban health; studies on informal work, social protection and health; multi-institutional attempts to tackle banner diseases such as dengue in urban areas; as well as the relationships between health, migration and vulnerability in Indian cities.

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:

- Supporting the setting up of a neighbourhood and city-region scaled health observatory in Bangalore;
- Being a part of the project teams in Delhi and Bangalore undertaking field-based research on intersections between informal work, social protection and maternal and child health;
- Participating in incorporating urban health perspectives into on-going IIHS projects;
- Curriculum development and teaching on urban health 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 - Urban Health 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**

The ideal candidate will have least a Master's in a relevant discipline (public health, medicine, urban planning, sociology, economics, development studies, among others), with 5-7 years of experience. This is an open rank search and so MPhil and PhD candidates may also apply. PhDs are counted towards work experience years. Candidates must have proven track records of participation in research projects, evidence of capacity to undertake field work, and strong writing skills.

Spoken and written proficiency in English and at least one other modern Indian language is required and, among these, Kannada, Tamil, and Hindi 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**

This position can be based in Bengaluru or New Delhi for the first year, after which it will be based in Bengaluru.

**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).

**Contact**

Please write to us at [hr@iihs.co.in](mailto:hr@iihs.co.in) if you need any clarifications while filling the online application form.



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