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

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Post-Doctoral Fellow in Deindustrialisation in Cities of the Global  
South and Employment

### **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, which will be the Fellow's first home within IIHS.

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.

This call is associated with the PEAK (Prediction and projection, Emergent urbanism, Adopted knowledge, Knowledge exchange) consortium, funded by the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF), UK.

### **About the PEAK project**

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 – Prediction, Emergence, Adoption and Knowledge. 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>

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 Deindustrialisation in Cities of the Global South and Employment**

This position will involve research that focuses broadly on how cities in developing countries can generate equitable growth trajectories and broad-based employment opportunities with decent wages in light of "premature deindustrialisation" (Rodrik 2016) and persistent informality (Chen 2012). By focusing on manufacturing enterprises in Bengaluru, a megacity

with a substantial services-based economy, we propose to address the following questions. Is formal manufacturing moving further away from the city, as land prices escalate and due to demands for better environmental management within city boundaries? What implications does this have for employment opportunities in the city of Bengaluru? In addressing this question, we will also attempt to build a new base of evidence about enterprises along the formal-informal continuum at the city scale.

We seek a person whose research interests broadly align with issues of economic development and employment in the Indian urban context. We are particularly interested in candidates whose work focuses on studying formal and informal manufacturing and employment trends, and who are interested in experimenting with empirical & mixed methods – such as integrating spatial datasets and exploiting alternative sources for economic data besides primary surveys – for example the relationship between land use change and industrialization transformation, an analysis that includes but also goes beyond conventional data bases.

The Post-Doctoral Fellow will be part of the process of expanding ongoing research at IIHS on urban economic development and employment. There will also be opportunities for pursuing existing and individual work as well as generating new research opportunities within these themes.

### **Field work**

This position is based in Bengaluru. This is a one-year position, extendable.

### **Qualifications**

Applicants should hold a PhD in a relevant field such as (but not limited to) economics, public policy, economic geography, development economics, geography or urban planning, and an interest in the spatial aspects of the urban economy; with a proven research and publication record in or across urban studies, urban planning, economic development, public policy, urban economics, development economics; and at least one publication in a noted peer-reviewed academic journal. A background or knowledge of urban data science, urban informatics, mathematics, or statistics will be a plus. Exceptional candidates who are currently pursuing a PhD may also be considered.

Ideal applicants will have experience of leading or being part of field research projects in Indian cities. Working knowledge of Kannada and/or Tamil would be an advantage.

### **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@ihs.co.in](mailto:hr@ihs.co.in) if you need any clarifications while filling the online application form.

**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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