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The IIHS Post-Doctoral Programme A Call for Fellows

Post-Doctoral Fellow in Urban Infrastructure and Governance

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 Urban Infrastructure and Governance

The position seeks a person whose research interests broadly align with issues of urban and regional infrastructure planning and governance. We are particularly interested in candidates whose work engages with the development of mega infrastructure projects in urban regions, urban and regional governance questions, and urban politics. This research will focus on the

process of infrastructure development within cities as well as across city regions, particularly looking at the Bengaluru Metropolitan Region, and the Bengaluru-Chennai corridor.

Through this work, we intend to examine not only the planning and governance processes that make such projects possible, but also examine aspects such as financing, land transformation, and economic impacts of these mega-infrastructure projects. We will study the different state and non-state stakeholders, such as private sector consultants, international development agencies, real estate developers, and citizens' groups involved in the process; and the networks that enable such development.

The Post-Doctoral Fellow will be part of the process of expanding ongoing research at IIHS on urban governance, infrastructure development and urban politics. New research in this area will seek to build knowledge on how mega infrastructure is being built, and by whom, particularly focusing on the role of private/non-state actors. Field work will be in the greater Bengaluru metropolitan region. Comparative work with other urban regions in India will also be encouraged.

Through the fellowship, there will 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, with travel for fieldwork. This is a one-year position, extendable.

Qualifications

Applicants should hold a PhD in a relevant field such as (but not limited to) urban planning, law, urban politics, urban sociology, development studies, public policy studies, urban studies, economic geography, among others; with a proven research and publication record in or across urban studies, urban planning, economic development, public policy, urban sociology; and at least one publication in a noted peer-reviewed academic journal. 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.

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

Note

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