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The IIHS Post-Doctoral Programme

A Call for Fellows

Post-Doctoral Fellow in Urban Planning Education

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IIHS seeks Post-Doctoral Fellows to join its vibrant intellectual environment within the Academics and Research programme. IIHS is increasingly recognised 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 KNOW (Knowledge in Action for Urban Equality) consortium, funded by the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF), UK.

About the KNOW project

The KNOW (Knowledge in Action for Urban Equality) project is led by the Development Planning Unit (DPU) at University College London (UCL) and a range of partner institutions including IIHS, Polytechnic Uni Jose Antonio Echeverria (Cuba), Sierra Leone Urban Resource Centre (Sierra Leone), Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (Sri Lanka), Makerere University (Uganda), Catholic University of Peru (Peru). It seeks to develop research capacities in developing countries and in UK institutions that deliver ODA research, SDG11 and the New Urban Agenda. Recognising that cities are inherently unequal places, being home to immense prosperity and extreme poverty, KNOW focuses on the major knowledge gap in global policy agendas: delivering urban equality for inclusive cities of opportunities for all.

The work programme focuses on three key challenges: achieving prosperity; building resilience to disasters and a changing climate; and addressing the persistent problem of extreme poverty. The work programme is divided in six work packages. IIHS co-anchors Work Package 5, which focuses on the education of urban practitioners and planners in the Global South. The IIHS team will also be working on city-relevant research in Jaipur as well as the larger region around it.

More details on the project website: <https://www.urban-know.com/>

Post-Doctoral Fellow in Urban Planning Education

This position will involve research on urban planning education and its role in preparing practitioners to deal with questions of urban equality in their professional practice, and will be carried out in close cooperation with our partners at UCL (University College London). The researcher will work closely with the KNOW project team at IIHS on a range of research activities. These will include but not be limited to:

- An assessment of curriculum for higher education programmes in urban planning and related disciplines in India and more broadly in the Global South, as well as an assessment of continuing education, training and capacity building efforts;
- Interviews with senior educators in urban planning and related fields, members of professional planning associations, and alumni of planning programmes as well as capacity building and training courses to identify concerns related to planning education;
- Documenting innovative case studies of urban planning education across cities of the Global South, as well as tracking the alumni trajectories of learners from these programmes;
- Preliminary work to map educational institutions and civil society organisations in Jaipur and Rajasthan, and to build partnerships to test and deliver pedagogical interventions in urban planning.

Over the course of the project (2018-2021), this research will result in an identification of gaps in urban planning education, which will be addressed through a series of curriculum design interventions that will be implemented in partnership with local universities and other organisations. The programme also hopes to develop content in multiple forms, such as online courses, training workshops, summer/ winter course, etc. to build knowledge across audiences.

Field work

This position is based in Bengaluru, with travel for fieldwork to Jaipur and other smaller cities / towns in Rajasthan. This is a one-year position, extendable.

Qualifications

Applicants should have:

- A PhD in urban planning, geography, civil engineering or related disciplines with an interest in planning pedagogy and planning practice; or in education with an emphasis on the pedagogy of higher education or continuing education; or in public policy with experience in urban issues;
- 1-2 years of professional experience in urban planning or urban policy, or in the field of education and pedagogy would be desirable;
- An ability to work as part of inter-disciplinary teams in a flexible work environment;
- Prior professional experience in Rajasthan will be an advantage;
- Teaching experience in urban planning or related disciplines will be an advantage;
- Fluency in Hindi.

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

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Contact

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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