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INDIAN INSTITUTE FOR
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

JOB DESCRIPTION

Urban Health Consultant

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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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. 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.

Job Description

Within the Urban Health research stream in PEAK, we are seeking a consultant to join a team studying how low income urban households experience, understand and cope with non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, hypertension or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Our particular focus is on perceptions of health and well-being, the social framing of "chronic care" and the impacts on households in managing chronic care within urban health systems. The research takes an anthropological approach to care-seeking and health practices, and works closely with about forty families building an archive from monthly long-form, oral health histories of illness and care-seeking. The study frame is in place, and fieldwork, enrollment of households, final pilot testing of the instrument are ready to begin.

We are looking for a consultant with experience in interview based research, particularly those anthropologically informed in their research methods. Experience with long form interviews or oral history methods – whether in health or otherwise – would be a significant

asset. The ideal candidate will have research interests in public health, development, and medical anthropology/sociology.

Activities and Tasks

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

- Conducting periodic open-ended health histories with families in two low income urban neighborhoods in Bengaluru;
- Analysing, coding and transcription of the data;
- Managing the project team;
- Engaging in meetings, exchanges and interactions within IIHS as well as with other project partners nationally and internationally in the PEAK consortium;
- Regular short form and public writing from the project;
- Final analysis, writing, and publication from project field data;
- 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 Urban Health consultant will report to the Senior 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 a PhD or Master's (with significant additional field research experience) in the social sciences (especially anthropology and sociology), public health, development studies, social work, or a related relevant discipline. A proven track record of research and publication is essential, as is experience running qualitative and interview-based research projects in urban Indian contexts. Research interests and experience in the anthropology of health, care-seeking, or community health is highly desirable. Fluency in Kannada or Tamil is a significant advantage.

This is a contractual position for an initial term of 11 months, renewable on mutual consent. 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.

Location

This position is based in Bengaluru and may entail 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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