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JOB DESCRIPTION

Associate/ Senior Associate –
Urban Informatics Lab (UIL)

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 Urban Informatics Lab

The Urban Informatics Laboratory (UIL) at IIHS carries out research and analysis on India's urbanisation using primary and secondary data. The Lab specialises in developing new methods to study and understand urban patterns, particularly in the context of data-scarce environments. It innovates in data creation, collection and organisation, as well as in bringing in diverse methods for urban problem-solving.

Further, it applies its learnings through research, policy, and practice projects across multiple thematic areas such as employment, economic development, social protection, food systems, land markets, housing, environmental sustainability, health, and inequality. The Lab also offers capacity building, teaching and training on urban data analysis for a range of learners across levels.

For more information, please follow this [link](#).

Job Description

The Associate/ Senior Associate position is a full time position located in the Urban Informatics Lab. The Associate/ Senior Associate is expected to be involved with various projects of the UIL, including leading and managing particular processes within the Lab. The ideal candidate would be comfortable with applying statistical analysis techniques for solving urban problems. The candidate should be comfortable working in a dynamic, interdisciplinary environment and be able to manage multiple projects and deadlines.

The position will involve contribution on three fronts:

- (i) Providing analytical support for ongoing IIHS research and practice projects,
- (ii) Teaching quantitative research methods, and
- (iii) Management of Lab processes as well as designing outward-facing communication and data advocacy.

Activities and Tasks

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

- Proposing and executing quantitative solutions to various problems across IIHS research and practice projects;
- Application of known quantitative methodologies as well as development of new and innovative methodologies to build a deeper understanding of urban India;
- Providing assistance with collection of primary data, as well as preparation of secondary data for analysis – collation, cleaning and validation;
- Preparation of outward-facing materials and presentations on key urban demographic and economic trends;
- Translation of insights from quantitative analysis for academic writing, practice reports, and popular media, including thinking through data design and communication;
- Providing writing assistance on reports, academic papers and other outputs;
- Providing assistance on teaching particular aspects of quantitative research methods or data visualisation for IIHS' teaching and training programs;
- Providing support to other IIHS activities including academics, research, training, practice, operations and others;
- 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 Associate/ Senior Associate – Urban Informatics Lab will report to the Consultant/ Lead – Urban Informatics Lab at IIHS and will be required to collaborate effectively with a diverse group of internal teams and external individuals/organisations, and students.

Person Specification

- Post-Graduate degree in Economics / Mathematics / Statistics / Development Studies / Urban Planning / Public Policy with strong skills in Data Analysis and 3-5 years of relevant work experience;
- Prior experience working with one or more of the datasets: Census, NSS / PLFS, NFHS, IHDS, CMIE;
- Prior experience undertaking or managing large primary surveys;
- Proficient in Excel/ STATA/ R/ SPSS;
- GIS and coding skills would be an advantage;
- Familiarity with design software would be an added advantage;
- Should be comfortable working with inter-disciplinary teams;
- The ideal candidate would be interested in urban centric research;
- Interest and experience in teaching would be an added advantage.

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



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