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INDIAN INSTITUTE FOR
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The IIHS Post-Doctoral Programme

A Call for Fellows

Post-Doctoral Fellow for Research in
Minerals and Sustainable Development

About Us

The Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS) is an interdisciplinary knowledge institution and distinct university, committed to the equitable, sustainable and efficient transformation of Indian settlements. It conducts an integrated programme of quality campus-based teaching and research, applied research/ practice-based work to deliver large-scale impact, training and lifelong learning for working professionals as well as blended learning. IIHS brings together theory and praxis around India-centric knowledge and applied research, while engaging with and drawing from knowledge across the globe.

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IIHS seeks Post-Doctoral Fellows to join its vibrant intellectual environment.

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.

Job Description

IIHS is currently in the process of setting up a Research Centre on Minerals and Sustainable Development and is looking for a qualified and committed Post-Doctoral Fellow to join the interdisciplinary team at the Centre. Candidates must be interested in researching issues related to minerals and their role in India's sustainable development. The ideal candidate will be familiar with contemporary national (India) and global debates, issues and challenges in mineral sector development, and the current and projected role of minerals in manufacturing, infrastructure and urban development, sustainability linked transitions, and the interface between minerals and decarbonisation.

Activities and Tasks

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

- Conceptualising and leading research (secondary and primary) that enables a holistic understanding of the mining and minerals sector in India in its various contexts - economic, technological, social, trade, policy and geopolitical;
- Conceptualising and leading research on the current and projected role of minerals in manufacturing, infrastructure and urban development, sustainability linked transitions, and the interface between minerals and decarbonisation;
- Assisting the Centre leadership in developing a research agenda and a long-term operational research plan for the Centre;
- Contributing to background papers, working papers and policy briefs;

- Contributing to co-production of academic publications, participating in strategic national and international conferences and seminars (outreach activities) and contributing to research dissemination through multiple forums and channels;
- Assisting in conceptualising and organising workshops and conferences;
- Developing and contributing to the design of a capacity building agenda for the activities of the Centre and conceptualising innovative learning products;
- Providing support on a regular and continuous basis for stakeholder engagement, including the management of and participation in field visits, and interfacing with key stakeholders identified in the Indian context;
- Assisting the senior leadership in the day to day management, reporting and administration of mining related projects at IIHS;
- 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 traveling on IIHS work within or outside the country as and when needed.

Structure and Reporting

The Post-Doctoral Fellow will report to the Head - Practice (Climate & Infrastructure) or to any other person designated by the IIHS leadership team, and will be required to collaborate effectively with a diverse group of internal teams and external individuals/organizations, and students.

Person Specification

An ideal candidate will have a PhD (or submitted PhD dissertation) in a relevant discipline such as mineral law and policy, mineral economics, resource economics or environmental economics, or natural resource geopolitics. Other disciplines such as political science, sociology, anthropology, public policy, public administration, sustainability studies, with a dissertation focused on minerals, mining sector, energy-minerals interface, energy economics, and the political economy of natural resources, will be welcome.

It will be considered an advantage if the candidate has at least 1-3 years of relevant work experience and exposure in the field of the mines and minerals sector, or a related field, at national, regional, and global levels. They should have demonstrable experience in research or practice, project management, and field work.

The candidate should have strong written and verbal communication skills, with demonstrable experience in authoring and co-authoring research papers and publications. Ideally, the candidate should have a minimum of 2 peer-reviewed publications in high-impact journals.

The candidate must have spoken and written proficiency in English and Hindi. Ideal applicants will be proficient in one other modern Indian language.

This is a one-year Fellowship, extendable 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.

The search will remain open until the position is filled.

Location

This position is based in New Delhi 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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