Position: Fellow / Associate Fellow (Air Quality)

Employer: Centre for Policy Research

Location: Delhi

Assignment type: Full time

Salary: Competitive think tank salary commensurate to candidate's experience

About Centre for Policy Research

The Centre for Policy Research (CPR) is a non-profit, non-partisan independent institution dedicated to conducting research that contributes to the production of high quality scholarship, better policies, and a more robust public discourse about the structures and processes that shape life in India.

About the Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment

The Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment (ICEE) at CPR produces research, informs public opinion and generates debate on climate, energy and environment policy at international, national and sub-national levels. Our goal is to enhance policy outcomes through informed research and policy dialogue within India and internationally.

To know more about the initiative and its work visit:


About the Role

CPR invites applications for a Fellow position in the area of Air Quality to be filled on a rolling basis. The role of a Fellow is to identify new topics and develop and obtain funding for proposals supporting policy-relevant research projects that employ a range of social research methods. This position requires the capacity to work independently and autonomously on a number of research and policy projects simultaneously.

Applicants must have research interests related to air quality management in India, though there is flexibility in the candidate's specific research areas within this broad area. The intention is that the Fellow will develop his or her independent policy research agenda, and will simultaneously work in collaboration with other faculty at ICEE, and CPR more broadly.

In addition, the Fellow will be expected to contribute and participate in the broader research discussions and intellectual life within CPR.

Specific responsibilities

- Explore research opportunities, develop research proposals, and design implementation plans
- Correspond with stakeholders, present research ideas and engage in discussion
- Undertake and oversee quantitative and/or qualitative data collection using different research tools
• Prepare clearly written academic publications, analytical reports, and other forms of dissemination of research
• Mentor and assist staff and early stage researchers in the organization
• Engage in appropriate training and professional development opportunities as required by the organization
• Any other related assignments may be entrusted by the reporting authority

Background and Qualifications

Education
• Applicants must have a Ph.D. or equivalent in a relevant social science or an applied science discipline with demonstrable policy engagement. MA/MS candidates will only be considered if the candidate brings considerable policy experience

Work Experience
• At least two years of work experience (more if the candidate has an MA/MA but no PhD) with demonstrated interest in energy policy, or environmental (especially, air quality) governance is highly desirable

Key Competencies
• At least two publications in refereed journals (highly desirable)
• Good research and writing skills are essential
• Ability to communicate and work with a team that draws from diverse disciplines
• Ability to participate in the Centre for Policy Research's broader intellectual agenda

The position of Fellow or Associate Fellow will be based on how completely the candidates meet the requirements listed above.

Application Instructions

Please send in your application to climate.initiative.cpr@gmail.com, with subject line “Application: Fellow, Air Quality”. Applications should include:
• A cover letter explaining your suitability for the position
• A brief statement (not more than two pages) of research interests and plan in the 3-5 year timeframe
• A CV

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and the position will remain open until filled. We will begin the decision making process in February 2021.