Position

Assistant Professor/Fellow, Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment, Centre for Policy Research (Full-time)

About the Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment

The Centre for Policy Research 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.

The Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment at the Centre for Policy Research 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:


Work Description

The Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment invites applications for an Assistant Professor/Fellow position. The role of an Assistant Professor/Fellow is to identify topical areas of research and policy, conduct research and publish outputs, build partnerships and engage policymakers, and obtain funding to support this work. 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 climate policy and governance in India and internationally, though there is flexibility in the candidate’s specific research areas within these broad fields. We understand climate policy in broad terms to include, for example, related economic policy, sectoral transitions, sub-national action, emissions and energy modelling, and institutional arrangements. The candidate will develop his or her independent policy research agenda and will simultaneously work in collaboration with other ICEE faculty.

In addition, the candidate will be expected to contribute and participate in broader research discussions within the Initiative and CPR.

Qualifications and Skills Required

- Applicants must have a Ph.D. in a relevant social science discipline or applied sciences with demonstrated policy engagement. MA/MS candidates will only be considered if the candidate brings considerable policy experience.
- At least 3 publications in refereed journals (highly desirable).
- 2 years of work experience with demonstrated interest in climate policy and governance is 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

Responsibilities of the Position

• Develop and undertake policy relevant high-quality research:
  o Explore research opportunities, develop research proposals, and design implementation plans
  o Undertake and oversee quantitative and/or qualitative data collection using different research tools
  o Prepare clearly written academic publications, analytical reports, public outreach and other forms of dissemination of research
• Undertake research-backed policy engagement:
  o Communicate with governmental and non-governmental stakeholders, present research ideas and engage in discussion
  o Build networks that enable engagement in policy debate
  o Inform public debate and discussion on the basis of research
• Contribute to intellectual life and administrative functioning of CPR
  o Mentor and assist staff and early-stage researchers in the organization
  o Engage in appropriate training and professional development opportunities as required by the organization
  o Provide oversight of administrative functioning through committee roles
  o Any other related assignments may be entrusted by the reporting authority

Remuneration
Competitive think tank salary commensurate to candidate’s experience.

Application Instructions
Please send in your application to climate.initiative.cpr@gmail.com, with subject line “Application: Fellow, ICEE”. Applications should include:

• A cover letter explaining your suitability for the position
• A one-page statement of research interests highlighting topics of interest in the area of climate policy
• A CV

All applications will be reviewed starting July 2022 and the position will remain open until filled. We will begin the decision-making process by August 1, 2022. If you are interested in applying, you may also share a short letter of inquiry immediately while you compile the full application.