

Call for Applications

Position: Research Associate/Senior Research Associate (Climate Impacts and Adaptation)

Initiative for Climate, Energy and Environment (ICEE), Centre for Policy Research (New Delhi)

The team

We invite applications for the position of a Research Associate/Senior Research Associate at the team within CPR (ICEE) that works on climate change, air quality, energy, environmental law, climate finance, and other issues. You will work among twenty leading researchers in an intellectually exciting environment.

Our team spans 13 disciplines/areas (economics, engineering, environmental science, international relations, journalism, law, philosophy, physics, political science, public health, public policy, sociology, and sustainability studies). We believe that interdisciplinary thinking is necessary for cutting-edge research. Find out more about our work here: <https://cprindia.org/research/initiative-on-climate-energy-environment/>

The role

The work being advertised here, on climate impacts and adaptation, focuses on those most vulnerable to climate change, i.e. India's marginalized. The work prioritises in-depth field work as a way of discovering realities that are obscured in national policy conversations, but values opportunities to deploy it alongside other ways of constructing knowledge, such as using large numerical data-sets, historical methods, spatial analysis tools etc.

We are looking for someone interested in understanding how climate impacts are changing Indian society and politics, and in using rigorous research to find ways of adapting to these climate impacts.

The selected candidate will play a central role in research and managing an ongoing project on adapting to extreme heat in India. This will involve familiarising yourself with the literature on heatwaves, establishing working relationships with CPR's project partners, interacting with government officials at national and subnational levels, helping conceive and establish new sub-projects, and assisting with administrative tasks related to this work.

Some of your time will be spent reading about and helping conceptualise entirely new areas of research related to climate impacts.

In addition to these responsibilities, you will be encouraged to build an area of expertise in a related area, write independently and publicise your research. CPR will support you in developing these abilities, if needed.

Finally, because we are a growing team, some of your time will be spent on team-wide administrative activities. You will also be expected to have an interest in research projects across the team and contribute to their development occasionally. You will work with [Aditya Valiathan Pillai](#).

The ideal candidate will have:

- A bachelor's or master's degree in any area relevant to adaptation and the social consequences of climate impacts (this could include climate modelling, political science, geography, engineering, public policy, GIS, sociology etc.). Please explain why your expertise suits this role in the cover letter.

- The ability to write a rigorously researched, interesting, and well-crafted essay that can be published in any leading national or global publication with some editorial assistance. Please include evidence for this in your application (details below). If you do not have a high-quality piece at hand, an op-ed length piece (800-1000 words) drafted specifically for this application will do. All shortlisted pieces will go through an advanced plagiarism checker, so please put it through one before you send it to us.
- Worked on climate issues previously, in a significant way, either as a student or a professional.
- Find digging into and discussing research papers and reports on a specific theme across multiple disciplines for weeks on end not just tolerable but exciting.

Designation and salary: We are open to applications from currently graduating candidates and those with up to five years' work experience. The designation and salary will be based on CPR's internal benchmarks for experience.

Contract: One-year with the possibility of extension. Starts immediately. Full-time, in-person at our [Chanakyapuri office](#).

Application Instructions

- Please submit a CV, at least two well-written writing samples (preferably related to this work area), and a cover letter *no longer than 350 words* describing three things – what motivates you to apply, why you are well-suited, and what you intend to use this experience to achieve. Send these documents to: climate.initiative.cpr@gmail.com and copy aditya@cprindia.org.
- Please write the following in the subject line: 'Application: climate impacts'
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted
- The first batch of candidates will be interviewed about two weeks from the publication of this call. This call will stay open till the position is filled. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis after the first two-week review.

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