

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Issued on: 5th April 2018

ORGANIZATION:	United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
DUTY STATION:	New Delhi, India
FUNCTIONAL TITLE:	Junior Researcher (JR)
GRADE:	Entry level LICA (monthly pay)
NO OF POSITIONS:	2 (two people)
POST DURATION & START DATE:	8 months upon initial appointment May- December 2018
CLOSING DATE:	20 April 2018

Background and Purpose of the Post

Urban Projections suggest that in thirty years, two thirds of the world’s population will live in urban areas. Urban growth rates have started to level out in much of the world, but continue very high in much of Africa and Asia, where 90 percent of the projected increase will occur, and where resources are most constrained and development challenges most intense. A third of the urban population is estimated to live in slums and informal settlements, often without access to proper housing, infrastructure or services.

There is a critical need for national governments and the development assistance community to provide more support to local governments and bridge the divide between these local actors to effectively implement global urban frameworks. The present moment, in which the SDGs are being monitored and the Paris Agreement and New Urban Agenda have come into force, creates an unprecedented window of opportunity to integrate an urban perspective across the UN system at the country level.

Rapid urbanization in India will be one of the most dominant trends in the coming decades. As population expands and incomes grow, this shift will likely lead to an increased demand for urban amenities like housing, energy, transport, water, and waste disposal. It is estimated that more than half of India’s urban infrastructure of 2030 is yet to be built.

Recognizing the critical need for action on pressing urban issues, it is proposing a strategic partnership with Government of India to develop an integrated Urban Program at country level to address changes of urbanization, climate change and innovation. In order to strengthen country office in these areas, UN-Habitat India is seeking to recruit two young professional researchers in its New Delhi office.

The junior researcher (JR) position will be an entry-level recruitment to attract highly qualified and motivated individuals, must be 32 years old or younger at the time of applying the job. It will provide the foundation for a challenging and rewarding professional career in an international development environment, and offers a range of opportunities to develop professional skills and understanding with regard to UN operations, policies and procedures.

JR is expected to demonstrate competencies required for the positions. The work assignments enable her/him to further develop their expertise and broaden their perspective through exposure to various aspects of UN-Habitat work.

Responsibilities:

Under the overall supervision of Senior Human Settlements Officer (SHSO), UN-Habitat Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP) and direct supervision of the Country Programme Manager – India and Afghanistan, the Junior Researcher will be responsible for:

1. Provide technical inputs to build information and analysis on urbanization and climate change and their resultant impact on economic and social outcomes specially for vulnerable sections
2. Undertake quantitative assessments of large datasets, including building data inventory, modeling and forecasting on urbanization using GIS and other spatial analytical tools.
3. Support organizing and planning stakeholder workshops, expert group sessions, trainings and consultations on Project for City Resilience, national urban policies and programmes, and localizing new urban agenda.
4. Support research on best practices and emerging knowledge on urban and housing policies as input to the ongoing national urban policy and housing policy technical assistance to Afghanistan and India.
5. Develop a knowledge base of best practices, lessons learnt, experiences and stories to address nexus between urbanization, climate change, urban environment etc.
6. Support Country office in New Delhi to establish and/or maintain relations with relevant stakeholders to promote innovations in areas of sustainable urbanization, housing and clean energy.
7. Develop concept notes so as to strengthen project portfolio of India Office in these areas.
8. Support country, regional and head office in administering and monitoring ongoing projects.
9. Prepare presentations, sectoral flyers & brochures, tracking, reporting and management of ongoing and future assignment.
10. Liaise and co-operate with regional and the Head office in the areas of expertise.
11. Support in office administration.
12. Perform other duties and responsibilities, which are within the expertise and experience as may be required by UN-Habitat in responding to the requests of the respective member states.

Competencies:

Team Work: Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals

Communication: Strong communication skills. Demonstrates openness in sharing information and keeping people informed

Partnership building: Promotes partnerships and is proactive in pursuing new partnerships. Builds strong relationships with clients and external actors; Promotes team work and in-depth understanding of donor relations in post-conflict situation.

Age:

32 years old or younger at the time of applying the job.

Education:

Advanced university degree in urban planning or any other social science fields (economics, sociology, geography, public and business administration). Possession of a relevant postgraduate qualification will be an advantage.

Work Experience:

At least 2 years of experience with:

- Proficiency in business software applications, including MS- Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.
- Adept in design and analytical tools such as Sketchup, AutoCAD, ArcGIS, and similar software.

- Strong analytical and comprehension skills

Qualifying years of experience are calculated following the receipt of the first level university degree recognized by the United Nations. Prior experience with UN funds and programmes on various operational modalities is an added asset.

Language and Communication Skills:

Fluency in written and spoken English is required. Knowledge of another UN language would be an advantage.

Reporting Arrangements:

The Junior Researcher shall report to the Country Programme Manager in India and the Senior Human Settlements Officer based in ROAP.

The application should comprise of the following:

- Completed UN Personal History Form (P11). Please download the form (MS-Word) from UN-Habitat/ROAP-Vacancy website: http://www.fukuoka.unhabitat.org/index_en.html
- A Statement of Interest (cover letter) for the position and CV-all-inclusive less than 5mb.

All applications should be submitted to:

UN-Habitat Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
ACROS Fukuoka, 8th Floor
1-1-1 Tenjin Chuo-ku, Fukuoka, 810-0001 Japan
habitat.fukuoka@un.org

Please indicate the Post Title: “**IND Jr Researcher**” in your e-mail subject.

Please note that applications received after the closing date stated below, will not be given consideration. Only short-listed candidates whose applications respond to the above criteria will be contacted for an interview. The fee will be determined according to the qualifications, skills and relevant experience of the selected candidate. In line with UN-Habitat policy on gender equity, applications from female candidates will be particularly welcome.

Deadline for applications: 20 April 2018