

Job description for the position of Research Advisor (Public Finance)

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We have an opening for the position of **Research Advisor** who can lead the projects on Public Finance and other related subject areas. In addition to carrying out designated responsibilities at senior levels in existing projects, the Research Advisor will be responsible for conceptualising new research projects (in the areas of Public Finance and budgets, primarily), undertaking research analysis, and writing etc.

Roles and responsibilities

- Lead projects related to Public Finance and Public Policy (Economic analysis, Budget and Policy analysis, Fiscal analysis) by coordinating and communicating with the team on timelines and work progress. Assist the team in project planning and execution including tasks like data collection and analysis. Produce and publish outputs like technical reports, research reports, research papers, blogs etc.
- Act as a subject matter expert in Public Finance within the organisation and be able to represent the organisation externally. Stay updated on latest research, best practices, and policies related to public finance issues and integrate them into research.
- Contributes to the interdisciplinary conception and execution of projects both in economic and social policy areas
- Actively collaborate and network with like-minded organisations for research and advocacy purposes.
- Actively develop and procure proposals and effectively communicate with the funders and partner organisations.
- Identify the capacity building needs of the researchers and develop training modules or conduct short-term training exercises to enhance their understanding and skills in delivering research outcomes, particularly in the context of public finance and research methodologies.

- Work towards institutional building by contributing to organisational policy development and administration.

Required Qualifications

- Preferred educational qualifications are PhD in Economics/related areas with exposure to Public Finance/Public Policy and related streams with at least 7-10 years of experience in the field of research. Candidates with PhD and work experience in research (knowledge of budget analysis, fiscal issues) are preferred.
- Robust knowledge and understanding of econometric research methods including the use of software (STATA, R etc)
- Must possess excellent writing and communication skills.
- Proficient in using software tools like STATA, R, EXCEL MS Office etc.
- Ability to work in multi-disciplinary teams and projects.
- Excellent management and organizational skills.

Our remuneration packages are competitive with academic positions in various Indian institutions and universities. We provide Provident Fund, Gratuity, Medical cover, and a few allowances in addition to salary. We encourage and cherish diversity.

Please share your resume (in MS Word Format) with mrinalika@cbps.in with the following:

- A cover letter for the position you are applying for and stating the reasons for your interest in the position.
- Two samples for research writings or publications
- Two references including your current/most recent employer/supervisor/teacher

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

For any related queries, you can write to Mrinalika R Pandit.