



Senior Associate - Economics and Public Policy

Chennai/ New Delhi

The Organisation

The Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP) works with cities worldwide to promote transport solutions that reduce traffic congestion, air pollution, and greenhouse emissions while improving urban livability and economic opportunity. ITDP is a not-for-profit organisation with its headquarters in New York City and field offices in South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, India, China, Indonesia, Brazil, Mexico, and the United States.

The UrbanWorks Institute (UWI) is a not-for-profit organisation registered under the Charitable Trusts Act in India. As ITDP India's network partner in India, UWI provides in-depth support to Indian government agencies to implement sustainable transport initiatives and develop progressive state and national level policies to scale-up sustainable transport paradigm. UWI also engages extensively with other stakeholders to promote sustainable and equitable transport ideas. More information can be found at www.itdp.in.

About the position:

We are looking for an economics and public policy specialist with a strong commitment to equity, sustainability and passion to improve urban life in India. The position involves engaging with a diverse set of people—civic officials, politicians, civil society agents, media, and others—to help build support for sustainable and equitable urban transport. S/he will provide in-depth technical support to the projects facilitated by the city programme teams across India. S/he will work in the area of financial analysis, behavioural economics and public policy including but not limited to recommending policy reforms, drafting regulations, suggesting changes in existing laws, developing institutional frameworks as well as collection and analysis of data.

The ideal candidate has demonstrated the ability to work creatively with a diverse team. S/he will have a chance to hone his/her technical knowledge, writing skills as well as management skills while gaining exposure to the fields of sustainable transport, city planning, and municipal governance.

The position will be based in Chennai or New Delhi but the candidate may need to travel to other project cities as and when required. S/he will report to the Senior Programme Manager. S/he will work closely with ITDP India Programme's city teams, head office staff, and international experts.

Responsibilities

The candidate is expected to:

- Work with the ITDP India team to conduct economic modelling, cost-benefit analysis, financial analysis, and behavioural economics studies of sustainable mobility solutions across the city.
- Analyse existing policies, regulations and laws. Conduct gap assessment studies and recommend reforms. Create policy briefs and suggest institutional frameworks for implementing the same.
- Gather information on international best practices in economics and policy of mobility planning.
- Work with governments and public transport authorities to structure surveys, as well as collect, process and analyze data.
- Prepare high-quality technical reports with recommendations.
- Conduct capacity building programmes for different government agencies.
- Work with the Communications Team to create communications materials that facilitate implementation of ITDP initiatives

Key qualifications

- A master's degree in economics/ public policy with training in data and statistics with five years of relevant professional experience.
- Familiarity with survey design, economic modelling, and policy analysis.
- Excellent spreadsheet skills are required. Experience with Stata/ SPSS/ Python/ R-language or any other similar data analysis software is desirable.
- Good English speaking and writing skills.

Key attributes

- Strong commitment to advancing ITDP's mission and to environmental and social justice.
- Excellent research and analytical skills. You should enjoy working with numbers.
- Demonstrated ability to work with the team, manage people and deliver project outcomes successfully.
- Ability to liaise with external stakeholders and build strong partnerships
- Strong communication skills, including preparing effective graphics and making powerful presentations.
- Ability to manage multiple priorities and projects, work well under pressure, monitor projects and programmes as well as keep to deadlines.

- Ability to maintain high standards while contributing pragmatic ideas.
- Willingness to travel frequently within India and, at times, internationally.

How To Apply

Please send the following in PDF format to jobs.india@itdp.org.

- Resume
- Samples of writing work
- Samples of data analysis work (you can be assured that the work provided will only be used for hiring purposes).

We are unable to consider applications without the above details. The position will remain open until filled.