Terms of Reference for Research Officer for an ICSSR funded Project on Impact of Infrastructure and Governance Transformations of JNNURM on Small, Medium and Large cities

Centre for Urban Policy and Governance (CUPG), School of Habitat Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai is undertaking a research project funded by ICSSR titled 'Impact of Infrastructure and Governance Transformations of JNNURM on Small, Medium and Large cities'. We require a Research Officer for a period of 11 months from July 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015 for the research project.

The research project commenced from April 2013. It focuses on understanding the infrastructure and governance transformations that are occurring as a result of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal (JNNURM) and its fellow Mission in smaller towns, the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT). In collaboration with state level and city level partners, the project is engaged in preparation of in-depth case studies of 8 cities across 4 states of India. The first phase of the project comprising data collection for the case studies has been completed. The Research Officer’s mandate will be to support the analysis phase of the project especially within a comparative framework, and help develop a research and advocacy agenda for alternative, more appropriate, urban policies.

The candidate must fit the following minimum criteria:

- be a self-starter with at least 2-3 years experience in research on urban development issues,
- has excellent analytical, writing and communication skills,
- possesses the ability to work with teams.

Post-graduate degree holders in Social Sciences/Political Sciences with a background in urban policy, governance and planning issues are preferred.

The responsibilities of the Research Officer include

1. Supporting and coordinating with state teams for timely completion of their deliverables (this includes supporting the organization of workshops)
2. Supporting TISS faculty members working on the project in analyzing and writing reports and papers on specific cities and comparing findings across cities and across issues
3. Collating and documenting secondary sources of data and literature on JNNURM and other
urban projects/policies in different cities/states.

4. Handling administrative matters of the project

Candidates should submit in their application along with:

1. Curriculum Vitae (CV)
2. Two writing samples
3. Two references
4. A covering letter stating why they would be a good candidate for this position

Applications should be sent by email to: yacoub85@outlook.com

Interested candidates should apply as soon as possible. The first round of interviews will be held June 20th onwards although we will continue to accept applications till the position is filled. The position will offer a competitive salary based on qualifications and work experience.