

Summer Internship, EPoD India at IFMR

Location: Delhi, India/field-based, India/Kathmandu, Nepal

Start and end dates: Flexible, with an absolute minimum 8 week commitment

EPoD India at IFMR, in collaboration with Yale University's Economic Growth Center and MacMillan Center, work together to use economic frameworks and analytical tools to answer pressing policy questions and spur real-world change. We partner with policymakers to understand challenges to achieving policy objectives, design and test interventions, and share applicable insights from economic theory and empirics to more effectively deliver public services and improve the well-being of vulnerable groups. Current areas of research include gender and economic engagement (labor markets, technology, and financial inclusion); environmental policy, and governance.

In partnership with our host institution, IFMR LEAD at KREA University, EPoD India is currently recruiting interns to support several research projects for the summer of 2020. The selected candidate will have the opportunity to join a team of leading economists and public policy experts from Yale and EPoD India at IFMR to work on cutting-edge development research in the areas of capacity building, environment, governance, gender, or financial inclusion and gain first-hand experience working with policy partners, implementing surveys and field experiments, and conducting data cleaning and analysis.

Interns' scope of work will be finalized in consultation with selected candidates and determined based on project needs and candidates' skillsets and interests. Previous candidates have typically focused on 1-2 projects throughout the summer. Interns have interacted with government partners in the context of research-policy collaborations, contributed to the planning and implementation of field activities (including surveys and programmatic interventions), conducted literature reviews and data cleaning and analysis, helped write policy briefs and similar materials, and provided support for training of government partners.

Candidates should have strong interpersonal skills and a demonstrated ability to engage with policy partners at various levels. Excellent English written and oral communication skills is mandatory, and the ability to speak Hindi or another relevant language to India/Nepal is preferred but not absolutely necessary for a candidate with strong technical skills. Ideal candidates will be mature, self-directed and able to balance multiple tasks, prioritizing effectively to meet deadlines in a fast-paced working environment. Experience in Stata and training in econometrics is preferred.

This position will be based in Delhi, India, or possibly a project site in India or Nepal. Some travel throughout the country can be expected, depending on the nature of the intern's focus project.

High quality candidates may be awarded in-kind support (room and board) or travel assistance, although we do evaluate external funding favorably in the candidate selection process.

How to Apply: If you are interested in this position, please include in your application the following documents:

- Cover letter (one page maximum) with approximate travel dates
- CV (two pages maximum)
- Academic transcripts from all degrees received and/or degrees in progress