

International Internship Programme in Sustainable Development (IIPSD) now offers opportunities under its IIPSD 2022 (July-September) round. Applications are open till October 31, 2022.

### **Objectives**

IIPSD is a special opportunity offered by ISED to aspirants, in order to gain first-hand, on-the-job exposure on the theory and practice of sustainable development. The specific objectives of the Programme are:

- To provide opportunities for gaining experience on the theory and practice of sustainable development, with a special focus on enterprise development and 'responsible business'.
- To expose the interns to the Programme and activities of the Institute, in attachment with any one or more of its Knowledge Centres.
- 3) To provide exposure on India's Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector and social enterprises, in relation to their role and opportunities.
- 4) To help the interns to adapt their theoretical skills to real-world demands, opportunities, and challenges.

### Content of the Programme

IIPSD is meant to offer a platform for cross-fertilization of varied knowledge, skills, and backgrounds, in the context of sustainable development. Hence, it is meant for students, researchers, and practitioners from varied backgrounds. The Interns are placed under different projects and activities of the Institute, based on their interests and competence, as also on the requirements of the Institute's programme. Alternatively, they can design a programme to

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accomplish their goals. The activity spectrum includes, research, organization of seminars and events, business development services, publication etc.

The candidates have to work in any one or more of the broad activity areas:

- (1) Field research / preparation of case studies.
- (2) Desk research.
- (3) Publishing and content development.
- (4) Production of documentaries.
- (5) Market Research.
- (6) Work with Developmental Networks.
- (7) Organization of seminars and discussions.
- (8) Development of new office systems and procedures.
- (9) Technology support and institution building (field level).
- (10) Other specific areas.

### Who can Apply?

Persons persuing their Graduation or Post-Graduation, those who intend to do their Summer Internship, activists, middle level researchers, or media workers, can apply. Candidates from social sciences, social work, management, and engineering, are generally preferred.

#### Duration

Three months to one year; however, short-term opportunities also are considered on merit.

#### Location

The Internship may be located at the Institute's headquarters in

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Cochin, or in another location. However, all Interns should complete a minimum of 100 hours of work at the headquarters. The Internship opportunities during the quarter are located in cities: Cochin, Chennai, Mumbai, Delhi, Bhopal, Lucknow, Chandigarh, Kolkata, and Jaipur.

## Output and Benefits

Based on work under the supervision of a Faculty Member, Interns should submit a detailed Internship Report that will be peer-reviewed. It can be used as a preliminary document demonstrating the research capabilities of the intern.

The benefits to the Interns are the following:

- Opportunities of placement/training as part of particular courses (eg. MSW, MBA, MSc in Business Economics/Development Economics, etc.)
- 2) Career guidance.
- 3) Development of soft skills and hard skills.
- 4) Exposure to research and Programme environment (The contents of the Internship Report, with written permission from the Institute, can be used for the partial requirements of another course, eg. M.Phil/Ph.D).
- 5) Exposure on an international scale and level, with the private sector, government, voluntary sector, and academia.

### Scholarships/Awards

The Institute offers a 'Best Intern Award', every year, along with a citation. The Award will be based on the following criteria:

a) Completion of minimum period of internship (3 Months)

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- b) Overall performance during the Internship
- c) Innovativeness of the Internship Report

# How to Apply?

Correspondence in this connection is invited both from individuals and from their respective institutions, throughout the year. Applications are processed quarterly, viz, January-March, April-June, July-September, and October-December.