

**National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore
Urban Research and Policy Programme**

Faculty/ Postdoctoral Position

The National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), a multidisciplinary research institute located in Bangalore, is looking for an Assistant Professor or Postdoctoral Fellow for the Urban Research and Policy Programme.

Eligibility:

Candidates should have completed the PhD degree in any relevant discipline with a focus of research on urban issues, urban studies or planning in India. Candidates for Assistant Professor position should have at least two years of research/work experience at the postdoctoral level.

The successful candidate will have the ability to design and carry out independent research projects, a sound conceptual grounding in his/her discipline, excellent analytical and writing skills, and organisational and leadership abilities. Candidates should demonstrate a commitment to teamwork, to carrying out empirical and grounded urban research, and to producing excellent research and policy reports as well as original publications.

Salary and designation will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and comparable to other premier institutions in the country.

About the URPP:

The NIAS Urban Research and Policy Programme was established to foster innovative thinking on cities and the urban crisis and go beyond the routine responses and technical solutions offered by conventional urban planning and policies. Its objectives are:

- To develop a conceptual and theoretical framework for the understanding of urban settlements and society, rooted in the realities of India's cities and villages, that would form the intellectual and ethical basis of all further work;
- To carry out focused, grounded and multi-disciplinary research on, and value-based intellectual analysis of, issues of national importance related to urbanisation, especially policy-oriented research;
- To provide a platform for an exchange of ideas among representatives of governments and their agencies, political parties, civil society organisations, the media, and various thinkers, activists, and citizens; and
- To engage in advocacy and outreach to all target groups in government and civil society;

More information about NIAS and the Urban Research and Policy Programme and the application process is available on the NIAS website (www.nias.res.in).

Applications:

Applicants should submit their curriculum vitae electronically including the names and addresses of three referees, two samples of published work (or unpublished, in the case of Postdoctoral candidates), and a statement of interest explaining why they are interested in joining the NIAS URPP to:

Head, Administration
National Institute of Advanced Studies
Bangalore – 560 012
E-mail: admin@nias.iisc.ernet.in

The deadline for applications is **31 January 2012**. Short-listed candidates will be invited to NIAS for a talk and an interview.