

Vacancy: Research Consultant

Location: Based in either Odisha or Chhattisgarh

Duration: 2 months (from the expected start date in February 2026)

Sustainable Futures Collaborative

The Sustainable Futures Collaborative (SFC) is an independent and non-profit research organisation that:

- Analyses issues at the frontier of addressing climate change, managing the energy transition, and limiting environmental threats in India and globally;
- Informs policymakers, stakeholders, and the public about key policy and governance levers, and their implications; and
- Accelerates the transition to an environmentally and socially sustainable future by enabling strategic action for systemic change.

Work Description

SFC invites applications for a Research Consultant to work with its Climate Policy team. The candidate will support the team in data collection - through field visits in Odisha and Chhattisgarh - for ongoing research on the impact of climate and trade policies on the iron and steel sector. This will involve active communication with target stakeholders, assisting the team in implementing the field research, and conducting data analysis.

Key Responsibilities

- Actively communicate/coordinate with stakeholders, including MSME associations, units, and government/private sector representatives from the iron and steel sector
- Plan and conduct field visits with team members for data collection
- Contribute to research design and manage day-to-day implementation of field research project(s)
- Conduct basic qualitative and quantitative data analysis

Qualifications

- Completed a Master's degree in social sciences, public policy, or other related fields
- An understanding of qualitative and quantitative data collection methodologies
- Prior experience in conducting field surveys and interviews
- Experience in interacting with MSMEs or industrial units is preferred
- An understanding of India's iron and steel sector is preferred
- Research and writing skills are essential
- Proficiency in Hindi/Odia (written and spoken)

We will consider exceptional applications even if candidates do not meet all of these requirements. Consultancy fee will be provided in addition to all field-related expenditures.

Application Instructions

Please send in your application to recruitment@sustainablefutures.org, with the subject line "Application: Research Consultant: Climate Policy".

Applications should include:

- A CV and a short cover letter describing your interest in this project, skills you bring to the particular research area, and how SFC can help you in your long-term goals
- At least one writing sample, ideally published

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Applications will be reviewed every 15 days until the position is filled.