

Vacancy: Research Lead/Senior Research Associate

Environmental Governance and Policy

On-site (New Delhi) | Full-Time

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 the role of a Research Lead/Senior Research Associate for its Environmental Governance and Policy (EG&P) vertical. The candidate will be required to lead and further ongoing work on air quality governance, policy, and institutions in India. Major themes will include the following:

- Understanding the capacities and constraints of environmental regulators
- Strengthening institutional processes around air quality and health policy
- Strengthening the scientific foundations of air pollution management
- Helping build resources for shared, coherent public messaging on air quality

For the position of Senior Research Associate, candidates will be expected to support the EG&P Coordinator by contributing to ongoing work. This will involve conducting qualitative and/or quantitative research, writing extensively for a variety of audiences, and engaging in administrative responsibilities from time to time.

In addition to the above responsibilities, candidates for the Research Lead position will also be expected to develop new independent areas of work within the vertical and mentor younger colleagues in developing their own research capabilities.

Both positions will require candidates to work across several ongoing projects simultaneously, while working to develop their own independent research agenda with guidance from SFC leadership. There may also be an opportunity to simultaneously work in collaboration with other SFC team members across verticals, should there be overlapping interests.

Key Responsibilities

- Develop deep familiarity with major sectoral contributors to air pollution, ongoing efforts by government and civil society, and track developments closely

- Undertake original research using quantitative/qualitative data
- Undertake and oversee quantitative and/or qualitative data collection using different research tools
 - Lead the development of high-quality academic publications, analytical reports, policy briefs, and other forms of research dissemination
 - Building relationships with partners in governments, academia and peer organisations in India or globally
 - Mentor and assist early-stage researchers in the organisation with their career development
 - Contribute to broader SFC activities as required
 - Any other related assignments may be entrusted by their supervisor

Qualifications

- Applicants with a Ph.D. in social sciences, public health, environmental science, or public policy with demonstrable policy engagement are preferred
- Master's degree holders in the relevant fields will be considered if candidates bring at least 3 years of relevant work experience
- Demonstrated interest and experience in air quality governance or environmental policy is highly desirable
- Training and experience in advanced quantitative or qualitative research methods are highly desirable
- Strong research and writing skills are essential
- Ability to communicate and work with a team that draws from diverse disciplines
- History or comfort with working in a flat organisational structure is desirable
- Ability to participate in SFC's broader intellectual agenda

We are looking for exceptional candidates and will consider applications that meet that bar, even if they do not meet some of these requirements. The designation offered to the candidates will be aligned with their meeting of these criteria and relevant work experience.

Remuneration

Salary commensurate with experience and designation, in line with development sector standards.

Application Instructions

Please send your application to recruitment@sustainablefutures.org, with the subject line "Application: Research Lead/Senior Research Associate: EG&P". Applications should include:

- A cover letter explaining your suitability for the position
- Two writing samples (preferably first or sole-author journal publications or research reports)
- A curriculum vitae

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