



Internship Description

Job Title: Urban Finance Intern
Program/Center/Department: Sustainable cities
Hiring Manager: Prerna Mehta
Reporting Supervisor: Prerna Mehta
Grade: Intern

Part 1: About WRI

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Part 2: Overview

Outcomes

The Urban Finance Intern (India) will work on a cross-cluster and cross-office collaboration between the Urban Development team based in India in the Cities program. The work focuses on helping cities develop business models that can accelerate the implementation of sustainable urban solutions in land use, urban energy, and sustainable mobility.

The intern will work on the main issues in urban finance for sustainable cities: what cities should be investing in, how they can pay for it, how to mobilize investment capital, and how to structure contracts and institutional frameworks to ensure adequate distribution of risks and rewards between key actors. Through a split-time arrangement, the internship has a strong focus on exploring Business Models for TOD in Indian cities and conducting related workshops in selected cities of India. This involves conducting background research with a focus on financial products for TOD in India, document reviews, identification and analysis of data sets, the preparation of presentation, and outputs such as reports, research papers, technical blogs and conducting workshops.

The intern will work closely with India staff and support urban finance research projects and stakeholder engagements. The intern will be part of an ecosystem of staff working on related urban solutions (transit-oriented development, bike sharing systems, clean buses, efficient buildings) across a range of geographies.



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Part 3: Responsibilities

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The Intern is expected to support the “Financing Sustainable Cities Initiative (FSCI)” work described above and work closely with the responsible WRI managers for scoping, launching and implementing the research. It is expected that the intern will make connections with experts within and outside of WRI on urban finance of infrastructure and services, sustainable mobility, and urban development. The Intern will take leadership of this process, and coordinate very closely both internally as well as potentially externally with identified experts on the subject. The intern will support the delivery of a working paper that forms the basis of a WRI India research on “Exploring Business Models for TOD in Indian cities”, to which the intern would substantially contribute.

The intern will gain experience in the following areas:

Research (80%)

- Carry out background research/literature reviews to synthesize the state of knowledge on exploring /Business Models for TOD in Indian cities.
- Collect, organize, review and analyze data and documents.
- Contribute to a draft working paper on the business models for TOD in Indian cities.
- Preparation of presentation reports and technical blogs.
- Contribute to other FSCI research outputs, including the interactive platform and others

Communication & Outreach (20%)

- Write a blog about the research for TheCityFix and WRI India portals.
- Identify the key stakeholders in the field of TOD financing in India and develop an outreach strategy for diffusing the findings of the research.
- Planning and Conducting workshops and Webinar.

Fit with the team & impact on ongoing activities

The intern will join a small but growing team of interdisciplinary WRI staff working on FSCI. The research will add to existing research, communication and outreach activities of the cluster that focus on building momentum, capacity, and multi-stakeholder dialogue on sustainable urban investments. The intern will play a significant role in building the case for the need for sustainable urban service investments that will help our team strengthening our position when engaging with stakeholders from the public and private sector. It will be very valuable to be able to point to foundational research on TOD business models in India This will be a key piece of our evidence base underpinning our work on financing urban services.

Part 4: Qualifications

It is required that you add the degree required for the internship. You can add the degree preferred.

- Degree: Masters in relevant discipline such as international development, Finance, Urban and Regional Economics, Urban/Regional Planning, Environmental Science, or related discipline.
- Demonstrated experience in carrying out literature reviews
- Qualitative and quantitative research experience
- Flexibility and adaptability to work across different time zones and cross-culturally
- Experience of developing indicator frameworks, such as used for evaluations
- Excellent writing and communication skills
- Strong oral communications skills
- Demonstrated ability to work both independently as well as part of a team



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- Ability to present complex information in a clear and concise manner
- Ability to work calmly and enthusiastically under high pressure
- Ability to think creatively
- Highly responsible, self-motivated
- Good sense of humor
- Extremely well organized, reliable, and efficient

WRI does not sponsor interns for visas of any kind. Must have authorization to work in India to apply for this position.

Final candidate will be required to take a writing test

Reports to: Prerna Mehta

Stipend: Unpaid. Stipend might be available to defray some minor expenses.

Duration: 6-8 weeks upto 12 weeks; (between May -June- July Months)

Location: India

Part 5: How to Apply and more information about WRI

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Qualified applicants should apply online at www.wri.org/careers. All applications must be submitted online through this career portal in order to be formally considered.

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