

**TURN Project, Centre for Urban Policy and Governance, TISS  
Mumbai**

## **Recruitment of Researcher**

**Details:** Research tasks and JD for Vasai Virar component, TURN

The Centre for Urban Policy and Governance (CUPG), of the School of Habitat Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), is looking for a curious, self-motivated researcher interested in ethnographic research and visual representation, to join an urban research project.

The specific research component the researcher will work on will be based in settlements of Vasai Virar city, at the edge of the Mumbai Metropolitan Region. The researcher will also contribute to the larger research project called the Tacit Urban Research Network (TURN) that is a collaboration with three other leading Indian organisations involved in urban research – Centre for Policy Research (CPR), New Delhi; Hyderabad Urban Lab, Hyderabad; Indian Institute of Human Settlements (IIHS), Bangalore. The TURN research project examines a variety of in/formal practices that constitute the city, focusing especially on the tacit knowledge that holds them together. The researcher will get the opportunity to share work done in Vasai Virar and learn from other sites/researchers through workshops/events held across the TURN network

### **Job description**

The selected candidate will perform a range of tasks under the guidance of a faculty member of the Centre:

1. Primary responsibility: conduct qualitative, largely ethnographic, research in the urban peripheries to develop an understanding of the range of practices and knowledges that contribute to the incremental growth, consolidation and expansion of place.
2. As part of this responsibility, the candidate would be expected to devise ways to visually represent such incrementality, including conducting photo and video documentation as required.
3. The selected candidate would also be responsible for producing a range of materials for the Vasai Virar component of TURN, and contribute to different events that are organised under the TURN project. These include an exhibition that the centre (CUPG) will organise to showcase research findings in 2020.

### **Requirements**

- Minimum qualifications: A Master's Degree in a social science discipline. If candidate has equivalent urban research/work experience this requirement could be waived.
- Experience in Qualitative research, particularly ethnographic research, is essential
- Knowledge of Hindi essential, knowledge of Marathi preferred
- Preferred competence in:
  - Visualization and mapping skills
  - Skills/interest in freehand sketching, photography and videography
- Experience: Two years of experience in a similar project is preferred. But this condition may be waived at the discretion of the selection committee of the Centre.
- Two samples of recent work that provides evidence of skills and orientation mentioned above must be submitted with the application through Google Drive in pdf format.
- The candidate should be willing to start working immediately (by late July 2019).

**Duration of assignment:** July 2019 to April 2020, (extendable by a few months as per project requirements).

**Remuneration:** Commensurate with experience and TISS norms. In the range Rs 30,000 to 40,000 per month.

**Work location:** Vasai Virar field sites and TISS, Mumbai.

### **How to apply:**

Please send us your CV, 2 references and a link to a downloadable pdf file with 2 samples of recent work to Ms. Piyali Bhattacharya at [piyali.bhattacharya@tiss.edu](mailto:piyali.bhattacharya@tiss.edu) with a cc to Dr. Lalitha Kamath at [elkamath@gmail.com](mailto:elkamath@gmail.com) by **July 6, 2019**.

Please use the following in the subject line: Application for the post of Vasai Virar researcher, TURN. We will inform short listed candidates by email/ telephone about the date and time of the selection interview. The applicants will be interviewed in mid July 2019 (to be confirmed).

If you have any queries please address them to Ms. Piyali Bhattacharya (email above). To know more about our centre and the research and teaching we undertake, please visit our website: [www.urk.tiss.edu](http://www.urk.tiss.edu)

**Project Leader**

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