INDIA - JANAAGRAHA CENTRE FOR CITIZENSHIP AND DEMOCRACY (JCCD)-(ASICS) ANNUAL SURVEY OF INDIA'S CITY SYSTEMS

Number of Placements: 1

Placement Site: Bangalore, India

URL: www.janaagraha.org

**Field/Subject Area:**

Open to all York students who meet the eligibility criteria

**Position Description:**

ASICS is an objective framework to evaluate the state of India’s city-systems. It is intended to serve as a bellwether of the degree and direction of systemic reforms being undertaken by cities. ASICS through the inaugural edition has already evolved as a reference point for conversations on urban India. Some of the highlights of the inaugural ASICS report and event are as follows:

* 11 Indian cities and 2 global benchmark cities evaluated across 107 parameters
* ASICS Report unveiled, including detailed action points for Indian cities
* Voice Of India’s Citizens (VOICE) survey, the citizen perception component of ASICS carried out in Indian cities across 4,200 city-residents
* Signature event held in New Delhi in early April 2013 with eminent speakers delivering key note speeches on each of the four parts of the city-systems framework, to a multi stakeholder audience

**Tasks/Duties**

* Researching for unique practices and processes followed by cities across the world with respect to the 4 sections of the City-Systems framework
* Analyzing data from the survey and drawing trends/ conclusions from it
* Generating recommendations for City governance based on the analyses
* Assisting team members in writing the ASICS report
* Supporting team members in arranging for the ASICS event

Expected work hours: 8 hours a day, 6 days a week

Preferred start date: Early May

**Qualifications/skills required:**

* Pursuing a degree in the fields of Law, Economics, Public Policy, Political Science or other equivalent field. Preference will be given to students who (will) have completed 60 Credits by 30 April 2014.
* Prior work experience in economics, law or policy research with exposure to basic quantitative research, working knowledge of spreadsheets and Microsoft Office with a demonstrated track record of high-performance
* Candidates from alternative academic backgrounds and careers such as Engineering, Law or Science with outstanding academic and career accomplishments, a passion for urban transformation and willingness and ability to work hard and learn quickly would also be considered
* Strong analytical and research skills.
* High levels of self-motivation, passion and perseverance required for social change at a systemic level
* Attention to detail, high personal standards of performance
* Willingness to extend oneself to accomplish work objectives, simultaneously pursuing excellence
* Positive attitude, flexibility and openness to adapt to organizational ideas, approaches and a dynamic work environment
* Ability to learn quickly on the job, including aspects such as community outreach and working with multi-disciplinary teams
* Excellent communication skills- written and verbal, and interpersonal, team skills.

**Language requirements:**

English; knowledge of Kannada a plus

**Highlights of Organization/background information:**

Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy (Janaagraha) is a Bangalore based not for profit having the mission of transforming quality of life in India’s cities and towns. It defines quality of life as comprising quality of infrastructure and services and quality of citizenship. Janaagraha, along with its sister organization India Urban Space foundation operates ten programs all of which are based on a robust City-Systems framework. To achieve its mission, Janaagraha works with both citizens and governments in advocating policy, creating platforms for citizen engagement and forging partnerships to attain scale.

Over its ten year existence, Janaagraha has built a proven track-record in systemic change in city-systems and in catalyzing citizen engagement.

Janaagraha was founded by Swati and Ramesh Ramanathan and is led by a management team comprising engineers, management graduates, public policy professionals, urban planners and designers, social science researchers and a military veteran driven by a passion for transformative change. Its staff strength is in excess of eighty and expected to cross one hundred this year.

Janaagraha is advised by a stellar Advisory Board comprising leaders across business, social sector and community engagement, management consulting and government.