INDIA - JANAAGRAHA CENTRE FOR CITIZENSHIP AND DEMOCRACY (JCCD) - RESEARCH/PROOF

Number of Placements: 1

Placement Site: JCCD Bangalore, India

URL: www.janaagraha.org

**Field/Subject Area:**

Open to all York students who meet the eligibility criteria

**Position Description:**

The Janaagraha Applied Research Program (J-ARP) is a core unit of Janaagraha’s Advocacy, Research, and Capacity Building Cluster (ARC). J-ARP engages in action-oriented research activities that further Janaagraha’s advocacy, online platform, and grassroots objectives. Beyond this key support and advisory role, J-ARP also leads the Citizenship Index Initiative (CI) in partnership with Brown University, USA, and is a key stakeholder in the Explaining Electoral Change in Urban and Rural India Network (EECURI). J-ARP also seeks to further connections and applied research initiatives with various urban research stakeholders, to promote awareness of the need for increased and sustained urban research in India, particularly in the areas of governance, citizenship, and urban infrastructure and service provision.

**Tasks/Duties**

* Supporting and/or leading the design of qualitative and quantitative research frameworks to support both grass-roots programs at Janaagraha as well as research-led initiatives
* Engaging and/or leading field-based work
* Analyzing the data arising from grass-roots programs and research-led initiatives
* Supporting and/or leading the design of impact evaluations for grass-roots programs
* Formatting and presenting data for meetings with various key stake-holders as well as conferences
* Assisting in initiating and managing relationships with partners
* Assisting and designing capacity training programs

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 social sciences (political science, international relations, sociology, anthropology, economics, history, geography) or public policy
* In-depth knowledge in quantitative social science methods (critical skill)
* In-depth experience with social science program such as: STATA, SPSS, R language, etc. (critical skill)
* Experience undertaking research with human subjects preferred
* Experience with designing and/or implementing survey-based research preferred
* Experience writing academic literature and policy literature (e.g. for peer-reviewed journals, policy papers, media briefs) preferred
* Excellent project management and organizational skills and exceptional attention to detail to methodically plan, implement, and monitor activities of the highest quality in accordance with deadlines.
* Highly self-motivated and able to prioritize and manage multiple tasks/projects efficiently in a fast paced environment.
* Works collaboratively with partners to achieve desired results despite conflicting demands or priorities.
* Prioritizes teamwork and communication with colleagues and superiors.
* 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.
* Relevant Subject area/s/discipline/s: Mathematics, Economic, Public Policy , reforms, Engineering, Statistics, research, Anthropology, history, science ,international relations

**Language requirements:**

Fluent in English (additional fluency in one or more of: Kannada, Hindi, English, and Urdu preferred)

**Highlights of Organization/background information:**

Janaagraha is a Bangalore based not-for-profit organization that works with citizens and government to change the quality of life in India’s cities and towns.

The term “quality of life” has two separate aspects, distinct and inter-related: the first is “quality of urban infrastructure and services”: the roads, drains, traffic, transport, water supply etc. in our urban areas.

The second aspect of “quality of life” is the “quality of citizenship”: the role that urban residents play by participating in civic issues, deepening democracy and holding our public institutions accountable in delivering various goods and services. This second aspect includes very importantly the aspect of voluntarism.

Founded in 2001 by Ramesh Ramanathan and Swati Ramanathan, Janaagraha started as a movement to include people's participation in public governance and has now evolved into a robust institution for Citizenship and Democracy.