

CENTRE FOR MICRO FINANCE – Data Management Research Associate

Introduction

The IFMR Centre for Micro Finance (CMF) in India has quickly grown since its inception in 2005 to become one of the largest organizations in the world dedicated to research on access to financial services for the poor. Through rigorous empirical research, knowledge dissemination and outreach to policy makers and practitioners, CMF's aims to:

- Inform practice: The microfinance sector is evolving rapidly, and practitioners experiment with new products and new programmes. Through research, CMF provides evidence on what works and what does not.
- Inform policy: The policy environment for microfinance has important implications for its expansion and its impact. CMF documents and informs policy debates with empirical data and analysis, and provides further insight to policymakers from its field experience. Towards these goals, CMF facilitates a process where research questions emerge from the local policy context, and policy and programmatic decisions are guided by research outcomes.

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Duties and Responsibilities

The Data Management Research Associate will work with the Policy Research and Outreach team to manage and analyze new and existing CMF datasets. The position will assist senior researchers to clean the data, identify trends, and prepare for publication and dissemination. The work will span many CMF projects, including randomized controlled trials, panel data collection, and short term policy projects.

Key responsibilities of the Research Associate:

- Prepare datasets for further analysis, publication, and dissemination
- Provide basic and advanced analysis, including comprehensive summary statistics, regression analysis, and other econometric analysis
- Disseminate preliminary and final research results through publications, conferences, and/or innovative methods such as Podcasts or blog articles

Qualifications and Skills

- Bachelors degree in related field
- Fluency in English required
- Flexibility and ability to deal with uncertainty
- Ability to work independently
- Strong experience with statistical analysis packages (SPSS or Stata)

Preferred Qualifications and Skills

- Masters degree
- 3 years work experience
- Knowledge/experience in the microfinance sector
- Previous experience in development research

Position is based in Chennai. We would prefer a candidate that can start ASAP.

Compensation

CMF provides a highly competitive salary in the industry.

To Apply

Please send your resume, cover letter, and a writing sample to Kenny.kline@ifmr.ac.in. Please use the subject line CMF_Research Associate_2011. Due to the number of applications, we will only be able to contact short listed candidates.