

## Policy Research Summer/Fall Intern

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 researching financial access for the poor. Through rigorous empirical research, knowledge dissemination and outreach to policy makers and practitioners, CMF aims to:

- **Inform practice:** The financial services sector targeting the poor is evolving rapidly, and practitioners experiment with new products and new programmes. CMF's research analyzes these products and programs to gauge their impact and effectiveness.
- **Inform policy:** Policy is greatly affecting the expansion and impact of financial services for the poor in India. CMF documents and informs policy debates with empirical data analysis, field experience, and independent research.

### About the Position

The Policy Research and Outreach Unit uses numerous channels to reach different audiences and disseminate research results, including publications, conferences and workshops, and the CMF website. These methods of dissemination are sometimes executed solely by CMF while others are done in partnership with NGOs/MFIs, research institutions, and donor agencies. CMF is seeking a Policy Research Intern to assist in writing substantive research reports which will be distributed to both academics and policy practitioners. The Policy Research Intern will be responsible for compiling and summarizing CMF's recent research findings for CMF's annual research report. The Policy Research Intern will work closely with CMF's Policy Research Associates to summarize findings from CMF's randomized control trial studies and sector-wide work in financial services.

This position provides a great opportunity for applicants hoping to learn more about financial services for the poor and international development.

### Key Responsibilities

- Read and review CMF research projects
- Write summaries of CMF's work with the support of senior CMF staff
- Helping brainstorm ideas for CMF's annual report

### Required Qualifications:

- Bachelors Degree (in progress acceptable)
- Fluency in written and spoken English
- Strong writing and copyediting skills
- Ability to work independently within a team environment
- Excellent time management and organizational skills
- Microsoft Word

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Knowledge of econometrics/economics
- Knowledge of Indian microfinance
- Indian language skills and/or familiarity with India

**Compensation:**

CMF will provide interns with a limited monthly stipend for lodging. Interns will have to bear all other expenses related to their stay.

**To apply:**

Please send your resume, cover letter, and a writing sample to [shardul.oza@ifmr.ac.in](mailto:shardul.oza@ifmr.ac.in) with “Policy Research Intern” as the subject. Due to the high volume of applications, only those who are selected for interview will be contacted.