Senior Associate: Urban Planning, ITDP India

Organisation:

The Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP) works with cities worldwide to promote transport solutions that reduce traffic congestion, air pollution and greenhouse emissions while improving urban livability and economic opportunity. ITDP's projects inspire cities towards environmentally and people-friendly transport systems.

ITDP is a not-for-profit organization with its headquarters in New York City with offices in Africa, China, India, Indonesia, Brazil, Mexico, and the United States. ITDP's programme areas include promoting sustainable transportation, e.g. public transportation including bus rapid transit (BRT), non-motorised transport, traffic reduction, and transit-oriented development (TOD). More information can be found at www.itdp.org and www.itdp.in.

ITDP India provides in-depth support to government agencies to implement sustainable transport initiatives and develop progressive state and national level policies to scale-up the sustainable transport paradigm. ITDP India also engages extensively with media and other stakeholders to promote sustainable and equitable transport ideas.

About the position:

We are looking for a urban designer / planner with a strong commitment to equity and sustainability, and passion to improve urban life in India. S/he will provide in depth technical support for project planning, project implementation, policy guidance, and capacity building in multiple fields, including transit-oriented development, complete streets, and strategic mobility planning in India and South Asia. S/he will also develop technical reports, policy drafts, guidelines, and training modules.

The ideal candidate has a demonstrated ability to work creatively with a diverse team. The position will also involve engaging with a diverse set of people—civic officials, politicians, civil society agents, media, and others—to help build support for sustainable and equitable urban transport. S/he will have a chance to hone his/her technical knowledge, writing skills as well as management skills while gaining exposure to the fields of sustainable transport, city planning, urban design, and municipal governance.

The position will be based in Delhi but may need to travel to other project cities as and when required. S/he will report to the Senior Manager. S/he will work closely with ITDP India's city teams, head office staff, and international experts.

Responsibilities

The Senior Associate's responsibilities will include the following:

- Liaise with diverse stakeholders, including but not limited to decision makers, civil society organizations and the private sector for the implementation of land use and

transport integration with a focus on transit-oriented development and complete streets.
- Provide technical assistance on projects related to land-use and transport integration at multiple scales, policies, legislation, and complete streets.
- Develop reports, policy drafts and knowledge products such as guidelines, manuals and toolkits.
- Document global best practices as well as implementation of transit-oriented urban planning and complete streets initiatives in ITDP focus regions.
- Plan, organise, and conduct workshops on complete street design and urban planning.
- Develop high quality written and graphic material on sustainable urban development issues. Work with the communications team to create materials that facilitate implementation of ITDP initiatives.

Key qualifications

- Masters' degree in Urban Planning, Development Studies or relevant fields with 5-7 years' relevant professional experience.
- Prior experience in regional and infrastructure planning. Familiarity with urban planning legislation strongly preferred.
- Experience in design and implementation of complete streets design preferred.
- Prior experience in working with urban local bodies and other government institutions.
- Proficiency with ArcGIS, QGIS, Microsoft Office, AutoCAD and Adobe Suite.
- Good English speaking and writing skills. Fluency in Hindi preferred.

Key attributes

- Strong commitment to advancing ITDP's mission and to environmental and social justice.
- Excellent research and analytical skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work in a fast paced environment.
- Demonstrated ability to manage people and projects to successful project outcomes.
- Excellent writing and editing skills.
- Strong communication skills, including preparing effective graphics and making powerful presentations. Ability to communicate complex urban planning issues as concise, compelling messages.
- Ability to manage multiple priorities and projects with flexibility, work well under pressure and keep to deadlines.
- Ability to maintain high standards while contributing pragmatic ideas.
- Availability to travel frequently within India and, at times, internationally.

How To Apply

Interested applicants can apply to india@itdp.org using "Senior Associate-Urban Planning" in the subject line, with the following documents in a PDF format (maximum 5 MB):

- An updated CV
- Portfolio demonstrating relevant projects and skills
- Three relevant writing samples of 500-1000 words or more

We are unable to consider applications without the above details. The position will remain open until filled.