

Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), New Delhi
Summer Research Intern: Renewable Energy Programme
Terms of Reference

Organisational Details:

The Council on Energy, Environment and Water (<http://ceew.in/>) is one of South Asia's leading not-for-profit policy research institutions. CEEW uses data, integrated analysis, and outreach to explain – and change – the use, reuse, and misuse of resources. It prides itself on the independence of its high-quality research, develops partnerships with public and private institutions, and engages with wider public.

In 2017, CEEW has once again been featured extensively across nine categories in the '2016 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report', including being ranked as South Asia's top think tank (14th globally) with an annual operating budget of less than US\$5 Million for the fourth year running. In 2016, CEEW was also ranked 2nd in India, 4th outside Europe and North America, and 20th globally out of 240 think tanks as per the ICCG Climate Think Tank's standardised rankings. In 2013 and 2014, CEEW was rated as India's top climate change thinktank as per the ICCG standardised rankings.

CEEW is a multidisciplinary organisation, with an international outlook and a strong culture of collaboration and leadership by initiative. Its focus areas include: energy access; renewable energy; low-carbon pathways; greenhouse gases and monitoring, reporting and verification; risks and adaptation; and technology and trade.

Designation offered: Research Intern

Job Location: New Delhi, India

Start Date: 1 June 2017 (Flexible/no later than 15 June 2017)

Duration: minimum 2 months

Purpose: CEEW seeks to hire a Research intern, a role that will be crucial in adding to the dynamic research team at CEEW, particularly for research in the areas of renewable energy finance and policy. CEEW offers an intellectually challenging and conducive work environment, with a focus on research rigour, innovative thinking, and market transformation. We are looking for an enthusiastic and detail-oriented individual to join the interdisciplinary Renewable Energy (RE) team, which has a particular focus on the imminent need to facilitate the flow of affordable finance to bring down the costs of renewable electricity, while accelerating the pace of renewable energy deployment.

The successful applicant will assist the fellow researchers in undertaking robust quantitative and qualitative analysis. In addition to the duties and responsibilities outlined below, intern should be prepared, as and when necessary, to take on additional responsibilities and respond to events and developments that cannot be anticipated easily.

Job Duties and Accountabilities

Research

Successful candidate is expected to assist researchers in the RE team doing the following:

- Undertake rigorous qualitative and quantitative analysis of financial flows and their impact on renewable energy markets
- Review large amounts of data and analyse information using a variety of mathematical tools and interdisciplinary methodologies
- Track renewable energy investments, and engage with government, developers, investors and other stakeholders
- Keep a tab on risks in the renewable energy sector
- Build new research ideas that are linked to the renewable energy work being carried out at CEEW.
- Actively engage with industry stakeholders and government officials to communicate and create impact with research findings.
- Conduct regular renewable energy related stakeholder meetings
- Contribute to other teams' research objectives to the extent that your skillset adds value to the output, on request or otherwise.

Programme Assistance

- Respond to research requests from Programme Leads, Senior Programme Leads and Research Fellows, discuss research needs, and prepare responses that synthesise and analyse information
- Assist with programme implementation, including help with preparing presentations and policy recommendations
- Assist with building a database and relationships with a wider community of experts, scholars, institutions and potential donors in the energy, environment and water domains
- Assist with planning and executing events such as report launches, consultation workshops, round table discussions, etc.
- Contribute to reports and other research products as part of the research team.
- Participate constructively in weekly team meetings
- Accompany the CEO and other team members for meetings with other stakeholders; prepare minutes of the meetings and assist with relevant follow up.

Selection Criteria

Education

- Enrolled or completed Master's degree with specialisation in energy in relevant disciplines, such as economics, finance, public policy, international relations, physical sciences, etc.
- Keen interest in India's regulatory environment, financial structures, and energy markets (specifically solar and wind markets)
- Quantitative skills

Business experience

- 0-1 years of relevant work experience
- Experience in dealing with public and private institutions within and outside India is desirable

Main skills

- Superior analytical abilities, effective oral and written communication skills are a necessary prerequisite
- Comfortable with numbers and ability to make sense out of large data sets □ Interest in energy finance
- Ability to manage time effectively to handle multiple requests at the same time □ Ability and willingness to work in a dynamic and fluid environment □ Ability to communicate and coordinate effectively as a team member.
- Ability to analyse information and present in a clear and accurate manner both verbal and written.
- Willingness to show initiative in order to handle unforeseen challenges □ Ability to work in multicultural teams

CEEW operates in a dynamic environment and the candidate will be required to show flexibility in undertaking a variety of tasks. CEEW is an equal opportunity employer. Female candidates are encouraged to apply. CEEW offers competitive stipend to all the interns as per the company rules. A full-time position could also be offered based on the performance of the candidate during the internship.

Interested candidates are requested to send their applications to jobs@ceew.in with 'Application – Research Intern for Renewable Energy Finance and Policy' as the subject line. Only short listed candidates will be contacted. We appreciate your interest.