

CALLING DATA LOVERS

Like data? Enjoy empirical puzzles? Interested in learning new data collection techniques? Would you like to join a growing community of researchers interested in enhancing India's policy discourse with an unbiased and non-partisan infusion of empirical observations? NCAER-NDIC Data Innovation Non-Residential Fellowship is for you.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM:

National Data Innovation Centre (NDIC), a part of the **National Council of Applied Economic Research**, seeks to build a community of scholars interested in the collection and analysis of survey data and contribute to the development of the field of survey methodology in India. NDIC seeks to develop a community of young scholars through a year-long non-residential fellowship program.

NCAER-NDIC Data Innovation fellows will have an opportunity to participate in a network for Fellows, researchers, and practitioners to hone their skills, and network with individuals with shared interests. The Fellows will:

Write an 8-page brief exploring measurement challenges and innovations in substantive domains of their interest.

Attend a two-day Workshop at NCAER in New Delhi where they will present their work and have an opportunity to interact with national and international scholars working in the field of survey methodology.

Participate in monthly web-based discussions around data and evidence-related challenges covering key domains of policy interest.

Be part of a network of young and established researchers working with survey data and designing new surveys.

- This is a non-residential program designed for early career scholars. Ph.D. students and individuals who obtained Ph.D. in 2018 or later in any social science field or data sciences with a social data focus are eligible to apply.
- The Fellowship will be for a year starting from July 1, 2023. While this fellowship is limited to Indian residents, relocation to Delhi is not required. We particularly seek to enhance geographical and gender diversity in the network.

MEASUREMENT BRIEF:

Key output of this program will be a high-quality measurement brief that will address some domains of human development, broadly defined. For example, it may explore consistencies and inconsistencies in existing data, evaluate the applicability of international methodologies to the Indian context, or propose new data collection methodologies. While not exhaustive, the topics below provide examples of the types of research we envision:

- Quality of nutritional outcomes in Indian surveys
- Measurement of learning outcomes
- Definition and measurement of urbanization
- Measurement of women's labor force participation
- Measurement of access to and usage of health insurance
- Definition of migration and methodologies for measuring it
- Definition and measurement of household/ household composition
- Collecting information on age and age-related life events
- Gender, caste, class, and region bias in data collection
- Measurement of government programmes and their beneficiaries through surveys

On submission of a high-quality measurement brief, the Fellows will receive a payment of Rs. 50,000.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Send your application to coord_ndic@ncaer.org by July 1, 2023. Application materials include:

1. A 2-page concept note defining the measurement challenge the proposed brief seeks to address, potential approach, and data. No new data collection may be proposed, although pre-testing of questionnaires is permissible.
2. CV
3. One writing sample – a paper or a dissertation chapter.
4. Names of 2 references who can be contacted for short-listed applicants.

Short-listed applicants will be interviewed via Zoom and selected Fellows will be notified by August 1, 2023. We anticipate awarding 8-10 fellowships.

For more information visit the link: www.ncaer.org