



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Institute (WASH Institute)

Terms of Reference: Research Associate_ Wastewater Management Planning

CONTEXT

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Institute (WASH Institute), established in 2008, is a non-profit organization, dedicated to providing practical solutions to tackle a wide range of water, sanitation, hygiene and environmental issues in India and the neighbouring countries. WASH Institute aims to build the capacities of the sector through programs that provide a) training and academic courses, b) technical advisory and consultancy services, and c) grassroots community WASH programs.

WASH Institute has been conducting extensive training programs for government functionaries, private sector professionals, NGOs, and other practitioners with the objective of effective WASH implementation across the country. In addition, our academic campus offers Diploma and Masters level courses in sanitation, under affiliation with a leading university.

As part of our WASH Advisory program, we provide PMU services to central, state, and local governments in both urban and rural areas to support the implementation of SBM, JJM, and AMRUT schemes. Our community WASH programs are currently ongoing in 15 locations across 8 states and 1 Union Territory in India.

We are a multi-disciplinary team that tackles complex multi-faceted problems of behaviour change, quality of service, and sustainability of WASH interventions. We are looking for experienced professionals to work with us towards our vision of “a world where all the communities have access to safe, protected and sustainable drinking water and sanitation services, with improved hygiene practices”. We are looking for self-motivated individuals with a passion for WASH, who can contribute in short-term assignments through consultancy.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project aims to identify and document the Used Water Management and FSSM-related gaps and challenges faced by the hilly States/UTs of India with a focus on North-eastern States, namely, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. The project will help to address the implementation-related issues of greywater, fecal sludge and septage in a holistic manner and as per the local or regional context.

The project also aims to create a compendium on safely managed sanitation practices and innovative solutions suitable for the targeted region with respect to topography, climate, and effects of climate change.

Position	Research Associate
Number of vacancies	2
Location	Delhi/Nainital, with willingness to travel
Desired Qualification and Experience	Ongoing or Master's degree in urban planning or equivalent with previous work experience in documentation and report writing.
Duration of contract	11 months (May extend as per project requirement)
Remuneration	Rs 30,000 - Rs. 40,000

KEY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Research Associate will support the Project Team in documenting field observations, preparing reports and providing support in any other operations and development across the Institute's focus areas.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Strong ability to interact with multi-disciplinary teams of experts /consultants, officials and facilitate oral and written communication.
- Good command of English and Hindi with excellent writing and speaking skills in English and Hindi.
- Understanding water and sanitation themes and issues is desirable and one must have a strong interest to work in the sector.
- Understanding of regional dialect will be preferable.

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit your updated curriculum vitae, including a 200-word cover letter explaining why you think you are suitable for the job.

Applications can be e-mailed to careers@washinstitute.org by 9th February 2024, mention the position applied for in the subject of the mail. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.