

Transitions Research is inviting applications for an Urban Planning Associate

About Transitions Research:

Transitions Research is a social science research collective examining radical transitions at the interface of technology, society, and sustainability. We generate anticipatory knowledge, co-create solutions, and strengthen capacities to discover just and sustainable transition pathways for India's Future. We envision a future where the radical transitions shaping India, not only empower people and protect the planet but also where transition processes are just and inclusive.

About the Role:

We are seeking an Urban Planning Associate to support activities under our [People's Urban Living Lab \(PULL\)](#) initiative. This role entails support with activities to develop climate action strategies in our project cities, including desk and field research, GIS analysis and report writing. The ideal candidate will have a strong background in urban planning, with a particular focus on climate change, possess strong GIS and writing skills and a keen interest in solving problems in cities.

The People's Urban Living Lab (PULL) works to co-create, test and implement climate solutions in the real-life, real-use context of India's mid-sized cities. As part of the team, the Urban Planning Associate will help evaluate local climate challenges, focusing on equity and sustainable development. They will support the development of climate action strategies, assess emissions, and design solutions to address climate risks and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Collaborating closely with the team, the associate will assist in writing detailed reports, conducting GIS-based spatial analyses, and preparing presentations that translate findings into actionable recommendations. The associate will also engage with local communities and stakeholders to ensure that solutions are tailored to the specific socio-economic and spatial contexts of each city.

Expected Skills and Requirements:

- Master's degree in the field of urban planning, environment or climate science, or a related field.
- 0–2 years of relevant work experience working on issues of climate change and cities, including academic or internship experience.
- Proficiency in GIS software (e.g., ArcGIS, Google Earth Engine, QGIS) for spatial analysis and mapping.
- Strong writing and communication skills, with the ability to synthesize complex ideas into clear, actionable reports and presentations.
- Knowledge of climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies, urban resilience, and sustainability issues.
- Willingness to engage in both desk-based research and fieldwork.
- Ability to work collaboratively within a team and adapt to evolving project needs.
- While this role is remote, priority will be given to candidates who are fluent in Marathi and based in Maharashtra.

How to Apply:

This is a contractual position for one year, with a possible extension for another year.

Please contact ashali@transitionsresearch.org in case of any questions or to submit your application.

Please share your resume, cover letter and a writing sample (max. 1000 words) to the same email address with the subject “Urban Planning Associate” by January 27th, 2024

Applications through LinkedIn will not be considered.
