

ORGANISATION	National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)
FUNCTIONAL TITLE	Senior Research Fellow (Centre for Public Policy on Housing and Habitat - CPPHH)
NO. OF POSTS	1
DUTY STATION	New Delhi, India
DURATION	12 Months – extendable
TYPE OF CONTRACT	Individual full-time contract

About the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)

The National Institute of Urban Affairs is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. It is a premier institute dedicated to advancing research, capacity building and knowledge dissemination in the urban sector.

Its mission is to promote pioneering research and expertise to advance integrated urban solutions, and build a robust discourse on emergent urban issues. It is achieved through training, and capacity development initiatives, collaborating closely with state governments and urban local bodies.

About NIUA's Research Centre for Public Policy on Housing and Habitat (CPPHH)

The Research Centre for Public Policy on Housing and Habitat (CPPHH) is being set up at NIUA. Its objective is to develop a knowledge ecosystem and undertake evidence-based research, to support sustainable and resilient habitats and housing.

CPPHH will:

- Conduct evidence-based research exploring key hypotheses on demand patterns and supply dynamics of housing – rental and ownership.
- Conduct research on the implementation of various reforms at the state and city level.
- Build and maintain a comprehensive data repository of indicators related to housing, with a focus on affordability, access, inclusion and adequacy.
- Study and promote emerging construction technologies and sustainable building materials for large-scale affordable housing development.

- Develop a strong knowledge ecosystem for policy and advocacy support at the national and state level.
- Produce outputs and organise convenings that serve to inform diverse policy and market actors and help build consensus for generating creative solutions to key affordable housing challenges.
- Disseminate knowledge about sustainable and resilient habitats, including housing and its links with the economy and social well-being.

Key Responsibilities:

- Plan and conduct of assigned research activities, individually or jointly, in accordance with the Centre's research strategy and deliverables
- Supervise the development of a data repository on urban housing at the city, state and national level – encompassing formal and informal sectors - through primary and secondary research
- Liaise with key government offices and departments for conduct of research and events
- Contribute and author reports, papers and other published outputs of the Centre
- Lead field research and stakeholder interviews in cities of interest across India
- Coordinate the preparation of capacity building and training programmes organized for different urban housing stakeholders
- Coordinate the conduct of key events (e.g. workshops, conferences, review meetings etc.)
- Undertake any other duties of equivalent standing as assigned by the team leader/Director

Education Qualifications & Experience

- Post graduate (Masters) qualification in Planning/Urban Development/ Management/Economics/ Real Estate and Urban Infrastructure/ Business Administration/ Law/ Public Policy or related field from a reputed national and international institute.
- 5-8 years of experience in research, urban development practice, and consulting.

Knowledge and Skill

- Extensive knowledge of databases pertaining to Indian real estate, macro economy, and household level datasets
- Significant experience in data collection, cleaning and basic statistical analysis.
- Strong inter personal and co-ordination skills, and able to build and coordinate collaborations with developers, civil society organisations and academic institutions
- Excellent written and oral communication in English
- Willingness to travel to small and big cities for conduct of field research

Terms of hiring:

The positions will be purely on a contractual basis for the duration of 12 months (further extendable). During the contract period, the appointed candidates may be assigned work related to other projects if such a need arises within the organisation.

Remuneration:

At par with the industry standards, depending on experience and skills. Proof of past remuneration will be required upon offer.

Location of positions:

Based at the office of the NIUA, New Delhi; with travel as and when required.

No. of Positions: 1**Application process**

- Application should contain detailed CV and a covering letter citing current position and remuneration and expressing interest and suitability for the position applied.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview.

Last Date to Apply: May 1, 2026