

NOTIFICATION FOR EDB FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM - 2017

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD, GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

I. BACKGROUND

The Economic Development Board, Government of Andhra Pradesh (**EDB**) has been established by the Government of Andhra Pradesh under the Chairmanship of Sri N. Chandrababu Naidu, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh with the objective of promoting sustainable economic growth through investments into the State. EDB also acts as the nodal institution that coordinates and facilitates investors to set up projects by providing an investor friendly ecosystem. The mandate of EDB includes active promotion of the State of Andhra Pradesh as the ideal destination for investments, facilitate ease of doing business in the state, act as a single point of contact for investments, entrepreneurship development in the state, structure finances for major projects, act as a think tank for development of economic policies, promote venture funds and develop strategies for accelerated economic growth.

EDB intends to engage the services of competent candidates in a "Fellowship program" for the positions detailed hereafter. The Fellowship program is a unique and challenging opportunity to contribute towards the developmental trajectory of a new State and get excellent exposure to the workings of the Government. This experience seeks to provide a unique opportunity of exposure to Investment Promotion, Public Policy, Planning and Development. This programme requires candidates to demonstrate proven academic credentials, professional achievement and leadership qualities. Further, outstanding performers will be considered for longer-term assignment with the Economic Development Board.

II. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

1. Strategic Planning and Policy

- a) Analysis of national and global growth trends in the short, medium and long term to identify opportunities and options for creating a sustainable growth trajectory
- b) Compare investment policies across states and countries aimed at attracting investments as well as their approaches to more structural reforms
- c) Analysis of policies/regulations that facilitates investments in the state and country and provide recommendations for the same

2. Identifying best practices

- a) Review investment promotion and strategic planning institutions in India and abroad and provide assessment of best practices
- b) Creation of a knowledge management system that would help investment facilitation in the state

3. Strategies for promoting key sectors and Industrial Clusters/Zones in the state

- a) Case studies on successful industrial clusters and zones in India and abroad and identifying best practices in policies, structuring and promoting of such clusters
- b) Conduct case studies on the industrial zones capturing the life cycle of the project with a focus on identifying various issues that cropped up during all the phases – proposal, sanction, construction and operation, and analyse the performance of these zones in terms of their investment and employment.
- c) Recommend policy & operational changes for improving the competitiveness of such industrial zones

4. Financial Resource Mobilization

- a) Perform a comparative analysis of the working of alternate investment funds – project development, investment facilitation, capacity building, viability gap funding, innovation fund etc., from similar bodies across the country and abroad
- b) Identify global/domestic investment funds and analyse their focus areas and pattern of investment. Recommend approach strategies and create a database of relevant funds
- c) Study the various models of funding infrastructure in the country and abroad and identify appropriate funding mechanisms for building the necessary infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh

5. Development of Entrepreneurship Models

- a) Analyse the entrepreneurship & innovation situation in the state, nation and abroad, identify the best models and highlight the key success factors
- b) Identify global models for promotion of entrepreneurship and innovation
- c) Recommend policy and processes to promote Entrepreneurship & Innovation in Andhra Pradesh including financial/non-financial incentives and risk mitigation measures
- d) Make recommendations for the structure of an entrepreneurship program to be established in the state including provision for facilitation of technology exchange and innovation, enhancement of entrepreneurship education and skills and improving access to finance

III. ELIGIBILITY

1. **Educational Qualification:** Masters Degree in Economics, Finance, Public Policy, International Relations, Law, Management, Computer Science or related fields from a recognized/reputed institution in India or abroad.
2. **Work Experience:** Candidates should have minimum of three years' work experience before or after master's program. The work experience requirement may be relaxed in exceptional cases in respect of deserving candidates.
3. **Other Skills:**
 - Excellent report writing skills, research experience and presentation skills
 - Demonstrated skills in quantitative and qualitative research methods
 - Experience in using MS Office with excellent ability to use excel and PPT
 - Attitude to handle challenging tasks, deal with ambiguity and shoulder responsibilities
 - Excellent interpersonal skills
 - Experience in working on large projects for governments, private sector, multilateral clients and industry associations

IV. WORKING CONDITIONS & STIPEND

1. Duration of fellowship: 3 to 6 months
2. Stipend: up to INR 50,000 (approx. USD 770) per month
3. The fellowship will be based out of Hyderabad and Vijayawada; however, there could be substantial travel within the state, with logistical expenses reimbursed.
4. The candidates are strongly encouraged to bring along their own laptops.

V. MODE OF APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCESS

The candidates will have to send their application by email to career@apedb.gov.in with the subject 'Application to EDB Fellowship Programme, 2017' with the following attachments:

- A Cover Letter stating the position they wish to apply to
- Scanned copy of the Student/Employee Id Card
- Resume, not exceeding two pages
- A recent original Writing Sample, not exceeding 1500 words (an extract of an existing work will also accepted)
- Statement of Purpose, addressing both the questions below but not exceeding one page in total
 - i. What are your prior academic and professional experiences that would equip you for undertaking your most desired position?

ii. How would this position help you in your career ahead?

VI. KEY DATES

1. Deadline for Application: 12th June, 2017
2. Announcement of list of Shortlisted Candidates: 19th June, 2017
3. Announcement of Selected Candidates: 23rd June, 2017

Please feel free to send your queries, to helpdesk@apedb.gov.in