

VACANCIES

LIRNEasia is an ICT policy and regulation think tank based in Colombo but working across the emerging Asia-Pacific. LIRNEasia generates and disseminates actionable knowledge for reforms in ICT sectors, through applied research, dissemination of best practices, training and advisory assistance. Our primary audiences are governments (including bilateral and multilateral development agencies), companies within and outside the Asia-Pacific, and the media. We are building a team of Asia-Pacific-based ICT policy and regulatory professionals who can work on equal terms with the best in the world.

LIRNEasia seeks *self-motivated* and *quality-conscious* individuals to fill the following two vacancies:

RESEARCHER/PROJECT MANAGER

As a Researcher/Project Manager at LIRNEasia you will be expected to *drive* projects from a rapidly expanding research and capacity-building portfolio. The tasks under this contract-based position will include:

- the conduct of independent policy-relevant research, subject to deadlines and peer review;
- communication of research findings to multiple audiences;
- primary responsibility for coordinating evaluation of ongoing research and capacity-building projects;
- end-to-end management of research and capacity building projects, including international meetings and training programs; and
- contributions to the writing of project proposals and reports.

The ideal candidate should have:

- post-graduate qualifications in economics, law, public policy or engineering, preferably with multidisciplinary experience or exposure;
- proven experience in project management in an writing-intensive environment;
- excellent statistical analysis skills and working knowledge of SPSS or other statistical analysis packages; and
- some familiarity with infrastructure economics or policy or the willingness to learn.

A high degree of competence in English is an absolute requirement. Knowledge of Tamil, Hindi, Chinese or a major Asian language will be a plus.

The position will report to the Executive Director. Significant foreign travel is required. In addition to a competitive, output-dependent compensation package, the position will enable a motivated researcher who takes advantage of the learning-conducive work environment and networking opportunities to build a rewarding career as an international knowledge professional.

JUNIOR RESEARCHER

As a Researcher at LIRNEasia you will be expected to:

- Deliver reliable, high-quality research on current projects and proposals under the guidance of a Project Manager
- Communicate the findings through written, graphical or oral presentation
- Summarize and logically present findings of your work so that the Project Manager and/or team members can rapidly digest the results
- Prepare basic project plans on small projects, or on a section of work for larger projects
- Prioritize workload with little guidance and deliver on deadline
- Take responsibility for the quality of your work and ensure that the methodology is clear and well documented
- Demonstrate self confidence and initiative in the work you undertake

- Develop strong interpersonal relationships with other LIRNEasia team members in Sri Lanka and outside with whom you would have regular contact.

The ideal candidate should:

- have a good academic record in a numerate discipline that can be supported by output not limited to GPA and exam results (Undergraduate/postgraduate work in an internationally recognized university is a distinct advantage); gaps in academic performance may be compensated by evidence of experience and attitude;
- be able to compile, synthesize and present facts clearly, and write material that presents the facts with clear accompanying analysis;
- have well developed and proven writing and quantitative skills ; and
- be fluent in English (ability to work in other languages will be an advantage but is not essential).

Experience in one of the following fields will be a definite advantage: consulting, ICT/telecom industry, economics, law or public policy. The position will report to a Senior Researcher or Project Manager.

What LIRNEasia offers:

- Stimulating environment, working alongside high-caliber colleagues
- International exposure from working on cross-country projects and significant foreign travel opportunities
- Flexible work environment that is output and performance based
- Supportive environment for career progression including training, coaching and developing specialist areas
- Remuneration package that is competitive and offering significant (additional) earning opportunities

Please submit your detailed CV that includes achievements, not simply time spent in positions, phone/email contacts of two persons who can provide references of relevant experience to: Operations Manager, hr@lirne.net by **5 October 2008**. Applicants must clearly indicate the position applied for in the subject line.

For more information about the organization, please see www.lirneasia.net