



JUNIOR RESEARCHER VACANCY

ABOUT US: LIRNEasia is a policy and regulation think tank based in Colombo but working across South Asia, South East Asia and the Pacific Islands. We generate and disseminate actionable knowledge for reforms in ICT sectors and other sectors that benefit from ICTs such as agriculture and health, through applied research, dissemination of best practices, training and advisory assistance. Our primary audiences are, companies within and outside the regions we work in, governments (including bilateral and multilateral development agencies), 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.

We are currently looking to fill the role of Junior Researcher with one or more **self-motivated, quality-conscious** individuals with **strong analytical skills**.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: As a Junior Researcher at LIRNEasia you will be expected to make significant contributions to projects from a rapidly expanding research and capacity-building portfolio. You will be expected to:

- conduct independent policy-relevant research, subject to deadlines and peer review
- summarize and logically present findings of your work so that team members can rapidly digest results
- communicate research findings in written, graphical and oral presentations to multiple external audiences
- take primary responsibility for coordinating research and capacity building related events including international meetings, training programs
- prioritize workload with little guidance and deliver on deadline
- take responsibility for quality of your work
- demonstrate self-confidence and initiative in work you undertake
- develop strong, personal relationships with other LIRNEasia team members in Sri Lanka and other countries with whom you have regular contact
- use statistics and econometric concepts with a high level of competency
- undertake significant local research-related travel within Sri Lanka and overseas

ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS: Essential criteria for the suitable candidate include:

- A Bachelor's level qualifications in economics, law, public policy or engineering
- Academic excellence, as evidenced through a minimum second class lower grading for the degree or a GPA higher than 3.0 out of 4.0
- Excellent writing skills, as demonstrated by recent English writing samples
- High level of computer literacy with specific experience in Power Point and Excel
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team, as demonstrated through examples in the past
- High degree of competency in English

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS: In addition to the above minimum qualifications, the ideal candidate will also satisfy at least 2 of the following **highly desirable criteria**:

- A Bachelor's degree from an internationally recognized university
- A Masters level degree in economics, political science or other relevant subject
- Previous experience of working in a writing-intensive environment
- Statistical analysis skills and a working knowledge of SPSS/STATA or other statistical analysis packages.
- Previous experience in handling Big-Data analysis
- Experience in working with and managing diverse groups of people
- Multidisciplinary experience or exposure, beyond the degree field of study
- Some familiarity with infrastructure economics and in particular the telecommunications sector, along with exposure to the policy process

WHAT WE OFFER: 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.

HOW TO APPLY: Please submit a detailed CV, phone/email contacts of two non-related references who can speak to relevant experience/abilities, as well as a recent writing sample of not more than 10 pages to hr@lirneasia.net by 30Sep 2012 or earlier. The subject line should say "LIRNEasia Junior Researcher vacancy" Due to high volume applications we expect, only candidate who are selected for a first round interview will have their applications acknowledged/contacted.