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Invitation of Application for Engagement of Interns and Research Associates of the Finance Department, Government of West Bengal

As part of its sustained effort on capacity building, the State Government intends to take two Interns and two Research Associates in the Finance Department, in its Centre for Fiscal Policy and Public Finance (CFPPF-WB) initially for a period of one year.

Objective and Scope of Work

Research Associate:

- Conduct research study and submit report on relevant micro-economic and macro-economic issues affecting the national and subnational economy based on focused empirical research and econometric modeling
- Undertake empirical research and comparative studies on sub-national tax and non-tax collection, expenditure pattern
- Submit reports on impacts of different tax/expenditure reform policies on various sectors of the economy
- Identify areas to augment revenue, streamline expenditure and enhance capital outlay of the State government
- Conduct Debt Sustainability Analysis

Intern:

- Provide data analysis related support to the Research Associates
- Carry out background studies and prepare notes on the research topics
- Assist in the collection, cleaning and analysis of data from public sources
- Conduct statistical analysis on large datasets using software tools like Excel, R, STATA

In addition, the Interns and the Research Associates will be required to do research study on any other relevant topics, as may be assigned to him/her from time to time.

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Qualification and Experience

Research Associates:
- Doctorates in Economics (Ph.D.) with specialization in Econometrics/Public Finance from a reputed institute, preferably on or after 2018
- Research experience in economics/econometrics
- Knowledge of SPSS will be an advantage

Intern:
- Post-graduates in Economics with specialization in Econometrics/Public Finance from a reputed institute, preferably on or after 2018
- Proficient in use of Excel for analysis of data

Token Remuneration

Token remuneration of Rs. 25,000/- per month per Intern will be paid. Token remuneration of Rs. 50,000/- per month will be paid to each of the Research Associates.

Other Terms and Conditions

The engagements as Intern and Research Associate are neither a job nor any such assurance thereof in the Finance Department and is purely temporary in nature, initially for a period of one year.

Declaration of Secrecy: Interns and Research Associates are required to furnish to the Finance Department a declaration of secrecy before reporting for the Internship.

How to Apply

Interested and eligible candidates may apply on-line in response to this advertisement by 6.00pm of 23.6.2023. The related link is available at the Finance Department portal http://www.wbfin.nic.in/

All applications received through on-line process will be considered by the Selection Committee. Short-listed candidates will be called for an Interview. Selection will be based on academic record, experience and interview.

Any query may be addressed to Dr. Sudip Kumar Sinha, IAS, Secretary, Finance Department (email: sudipkumar.sinha@yahoo.in)

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Secretary to the Government of West Bengal
Finance Department.