

Job Position: Associate Director of the Science Policy Initiative at Ashoka University

About Science Policy Initiative (SPI)

Ashoka University has a thriving culture for expression, research, practical support and promoting thought leadership into the ecosystem through the various Centres for Excellence housed by the University. The Science Policy Initiative will complement the efforts of the University's Faculty of Sciences and will spur innovation and encourage a lot of learning in the ecosystem. Ashoka will provide the right ecosystem for policy research and capability building through Science Policy Initiative

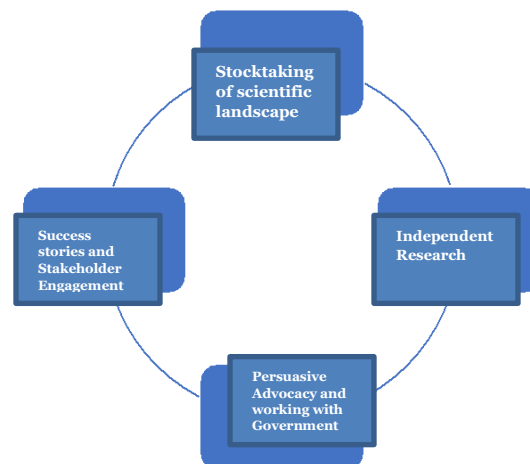
With the broader agenda of contextualizing and reinforcing the efforts the scientific community in India, SPI will act as knowledge hub that will encourage deliberations on issues related to science and technology, and aid in their translation into policy

About Ashoka University

Ashoka University is a pioneering university in India, providing an interdisciplinary liberal education on par with the best universities in the world. Ashoka students learn to be critical thinkers, effective communicators and ethical leaders, from outstanding faculty who have previously taught in leading global and Indian universities. In a very short time, the university has established a stellar reputation for quality of faculty and student experience. Ashoka University students have been placed in many of India's leading organizations in the consulting, banking, corporate, CSR and social sectors.

Role and responsibilities

SPI will aim at promoting data-driven research, policy work and advocacy on India's science, technology and innovation space. It will act as the resource body for government departments and industry by conceptualizing and leading the preparation of high-quality evidence-based policy briefs, recommendation notes, background papers/ presentations and other targeted materials for meetings and conferences with key government and ecosystem stakeholders.



I. Stocktaking of scientific landscape: The Initiative will aim to bring out an annual status report that will inform the public and other relevant stakeholders about the status of S&T in India

II. Success stories and Stakeholder Engagement: The Initiative will work to make STI aspirational and highlight positive/success stories. It will also engage with the Indian scientific diaspora abroad and improve the STI space in India

III. Independent Research: The Initiative will pick up key research areas and collaborate with the best faculty and research students to bring out white papers ideas into sound policies

IV. Persuasive Advocacy and working with Government and Industry: The Initiative will work with (or advise) governments and industry to translate scientific ideas into sound policies

Skills & Education

- Masters or equivalent degree in relevant fields: including public policy, management, technology, communications or related fields
- At least 12 years work experience and demonstrated knowledge of leading, supporting, developing and managing a team
- Demonstrated knowledge of managing and building relationships with stakeholders in the ecosystem, industry and government departments, and with strong influencing and negotiation skills
- Excellent written communication skills, with proven ability to research and write accessible, clear policy documents and reports for a range of audiences
- Excellent oral communication skills, with the ability to engage different audiences, convey complex information in an accessible way and prepare and give presentations to different audiences
- Demonstrated the ability to manage multiple projects, including managing departmental workload in line with the strategy, making strategic decisions, and the ability to work effectively as a member of the senior management and leadership team

Position: The position is a full-time position based out Ashoka University, Sonapat, Haryana

Application Details Required:

- To apply, please send the following:
 - a. **A cover letter**
 - b. Your resume
 - c. The name, designation and contact details of a referee from your most recent professional/academic endeavour. They may be contacted by us as part of the process.

- Interested candidates can share their updated CVs on connect.hr@ashoka.edu.in clearly mentioning <Position applied for – Department> in the subject line.
- Deadline for receiving applications: May 6, 2022.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted