

**Job Title: Research Intern**

**Reports to:** Sr. Research Associate / Lead NITI-BIU Vertical

**Location:** The intern can work remotely or out of the BIU office in Delhi. Applicants should be authorised to work in India

**Experience (in years):** Prior experience with literature reviews and empirical research

**Nature of work:** Full Time

**About Ashoka University:**

10 years ago, we embarked on a journey to establish a world-class, multi-disciplinary, liberal arts and sciences university in India. Built on the finest global best practices of institution and university governance, Ashoka has truly transformed Indian higher education in India with its unique pedagogy, governance and best practices.

Ashoka is today India's #1 liberal arts and sciences university that is home to the most diverse student body, a hub for impactful research and a magnet for best-in-class faculty and staff.

Ashoka has been ranked in the top five among private Universities in India by QS Asia and has also secured top rank among all Indian Universities in the 'International Faculty' indicator. The University was earlier awarded Diamond rating by QS I.GAUGE as a recognition of its continuous focus on academic rigour, inter-disciplinary pedagogy, world-class faculty, academic research, innovative modules of engagement with the community and teaching methods. For further information, visit [www.ashoka.edu.in](http://www.ashoka.edu.in).

We aim to co-create a nurturing space for our students, faculty, staff, donors and community positively through universal values:

- **Be Mission-Driven**
- **Think Strategically**
- **Act Authentically**
- **Take Accountability**
- **Build Collaboration**
- **Deliver Excellence**

**About Department/Centre:**

**The Centre for Social and Behaviour Change (CSBC), Ashoka University** : CSBC was founded by and is part of Ashoka University, India's leading liberal arts university, and is supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Since our inception, we have been dedicated to expanding and sharing knowledge and underscoring behavioural science's role in building public policies that directly impact society. We seek to establish a leading Indian institution driving behavioural change measures for people and communities in need. We advance the science and practice of behaviour changes, harnessing cross-disciplinary expertise to improve outcomes in nutrition, sanitation, maternal health, family planning, and financial services through a mix of behavioural change programmes, foundational research and capability building. <https://csbc.org.in/>

**Behavioural Insights Unit of India, NITI Aayog** To introduce a novel paradigm of behaviourally informed policy design and implementation in India, NITI Aayog partnered with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and Centre for Social and Behaviour Change (CSBC) in 2019 for instituting the Behavioural Insights Unit of India (BIU).

The BIU is a vibrant community of individuals from research, policy and consultancy backgrounds. As the first BIU in South Asia, we shoulder the dual responsibility of introducing behavioural insights to the mainstream policy narratives of India, and also carefully deconstructing the Indian policy ecosystems for the rapidly growing behavioural science community worldwide.

**Project context:** One of BIU's mandates is to conduct cross-cutting academic research in policy relevant topics such as gender, financial inclusion, climate, health, education, etc. Through research in these fields, the BIU aims to answer pressing questions which may be relevant not only for the academicians and scholars but also to policy making in the country.

**Overview of the role:** The Research Intern will report to Sheral Shah (Senior Research Associate) and work closely with the lead of NITI - BIU, Dr. Shagata Mukherjee. This is an exciting opportunity for anyone interested in development economics and behavioural science looking to develop top-level research and data skills. This is also a

great learning opportunity for current or prospective PhD candidates. The successful candidate will work on academic projects across various sectors

**Role and Responsibilities:**

- Conduct in-depth literature reviews and other secondary research
- • Assist in data cleaning and management
- • Assist in conducting empirical analysis using STATA
- • Assist in drafting reports, creating presentations and other products
- • Provide assistance on other relevant tasks as and when required

**Duration:** 3 months with the possibility of extension, starting ASAP

**Eligibility / Education Qualification :** Bachelor's or Master's degree in economics, development economics, Behavioural economics or any other related field

**Competencies:**

- Proficient in managing data and conducting basic statistical analysis on STATA
- Self-driven and motivated

**Skill Sets :** Strong written and verbal communication skills

**Last Date for Application:** within 15 days from the date of publishing

**Application Submission Process:**

Please submit an updated CV at [careersatsbc@ashoka.ed.in](mailto:careersatsbc@ashoka.ed.in) with the subject line – <Job Name + Department Name \_ Applicant Name>.

Kindly ensure that the application includes the last compensation received, expected salary, and notice period.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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**Ashoka is an equal opportunities employer.** Remuneration will be competitive with Indian non-profit pay scales and will depend upon the candidate's experience levels and the overall organization's salary structure.