

Job Title: DIRECTOR of the Centre for Economic Data and Analysis (CEDA) at Ashoka University

Do you see stories in numbers? Are you deeply interested in a data-driven understanding of socio-economic realities of India? Do you want to co-create a centre at one of the best economics departments in the country? Do you have a sharp eye for detail?

We are hiring for an exciting opportunity to lead and grow the Centre for Economic Data and Analysis, (<https://ceda.ashoka.edu.in>) which has been generating data visualisations, narratives, and bulletins on a regular basis since its creation in January 2021.

The Director will lead the centre's operations and would be responsible for its growth and expansion. The Director will drive efforts to cement partnerships and secure funding, and work with Centre staff, Economics faculty at Ashoka University and potential authors to build the profile of the Centre and popularize its research.

It is an ideal profile for someone interested in working at the cross-section of partnerships (with leading foundations, academia and researchers, and corporate sector), intellectual curiosity (by identifying opportunities for CEDA and CEDA affiliated researchers) and operational excellence (responsible for day-to-day management).

About CEDA

The Centre for Economic Data & Analysis (CEDA) aims to facilitate informed debate about economic and social developments and to contribute to public discussions on policy relevant issues in India. It has released 102 research and policy publications and more than 200 data visualizations. Its work has been cited or mentioned in Indian parliament and in foreign and Indian media including BBC, the Wall Street Journal, Quartz, the Times of India, the Indian Express, Scroll, the Print and the Wire. In addition to the analytical content, CEDA has constructed an interactive data portal with socio-economic data for India on indicators including employment, wages, education, health and demographic characters from several data sets. Check out our website [here](https://ceda.ashoka.edu.in/).

About Department of Economics, Ashoka University

The Department of Economics at Ashoka University has 29 permanent faculty members, with research and teaching interests that span a broad range of fields which include economic theory, game theory, behavioral economics, experimental economics, theoretical and empirical macroeconomics, monetary economics, economic growth, development economics, time-series econometrics and different areas of applied microeconomics and financial economics. Check out our website [here](#).

Job Location: Ashoka University campus, Sonapat, Haryana, India

Expected Remuneration: Salary will be commensurate with role/experience

Roles & Responsibilities:

The broad job description includes, but is not restricted to, the following. The actual tasks can be worked out according to CEDA needs and the candidate's skill set. The candidate will work closely with [Professor Ashwini Deshpande](#), Chief Advisor and Scientific Director, CEDA and the faculty advisory committee members (Professors Kanika Mahajan and S.K. Ritadhi).

1. **Driving CEDA's strategic roadmap.** Co-create strategy for focus areas such as gender, financial inclusion, employment, etc. The Director would run the centre's operations to achieve goals and targets set-up by the overall academic and scholarly guidance and vision of the Economics faculty.
2. **Being a prime driver – along with the University Development team – for securing partnerships and funding** to drive the growth of the Centre through grant applications, fundraising activities, and outreach.
3. **Supervising staff** who work with CEDA on the data portal or on content.
4. **Strengthening and expanding CEDA's footprint.** Lead the team for developing content for CEDA: for example, enhancing the data portal UI/UX, generating ideas for data narratives, helping generate simple visualisations using the tools of the data portal OR data narratives based on data from other sources, and writing or commissioning narratives to go along with data portal visualizations (similar to the analytical pieces on [Our World in Data](#)).

5. **Devising strategies and action plan for making CEDA the first port of call for those looking for quick and usable data summaries and statistics for India.** This includes addition of new datasets in collaboration with the technical team at CEDA and continuous improvements of our existing data products.
6. **Planning and organising events (lectures, panel discussions etc.).**
7. **Providing ideas to generate audio and video content.** For instance, help in preparing short podcasts/videos showcasing the Ashoka Economics faculty expertise or new initiatives at CEDA.
8. **Managing all communications** related to internal reporting within the Ashoka ecosystem: working with the Editor in generating newsletters and managing social media handles. The Director will be responsible for the overall communications, news media and web presence of the Centre and its activities. This includes drawing up a quarterly activity report.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Postgraduate degree or higher in social sciences with strong preference for background in economics
- At least 10 years of work experience. Experience in a leadership positions and in roles with strong partnership component (with researchers, philanthropic foundations, etc.) is preferred
- Strong co-technical skills, familiarity with survey-based and administrative datasets, and knowledge of statistical language and software

Required Skills and Competencies:

- Drive, vision, an eye for generating new ideas based on current economic issues. The person should have passion for making high-quality data and research accessible to the wider public
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Demonstrated ability to work independently
- Demonstrated ability to lead a team
- Demonstrated ability to build networks and partnerships
- Demonstrated ability to manage multiple projects
- Willingness to continuously learn

We are committed to equal opportunities in the workplace through diversity and inclusion.

If you would like to understand the role better, or to set up a conversation with the CEDA team, please reach out to [Ambica Chaturvedi](#) or [Vishal Doshi](#).

[Please apply by filling this Google Form](#), including details of current employment. Please include the names of two referees and indicate when you can start work, if hired. References will be asked only from the candidates who have been shortlisted.