

Consultancy Position – Cities Research and Policy Officer

Appointment with the International Growth Centre

Job summary

- Location: Remote
- Deadline: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis but will close by 23rd July. Preference will be given to early applications.
- Desired start date: As soon as possible.
- Length of commitment: Approximately 40 – 60 days of work across three months.
- Nationals who are citizens of IGC partner countries, other developing countries and/or who identify as from underrepresented groups in economics are strongly encouraged to apply.
- Remuneration: Depending on experience, based on [IGC's Pay Matrix](#).

Overview

Based at the London School of Economics and Political Science and in partnership with the University of Oxford, the International Growth Centre (IGC) aims to promote sustainable growth in developing countries by providing demand-led policy advice based on frontier research. Through an innovative model, the IGC directs a global network of world-leading researchers and in-country teams in Africa and South Asia and works closely with partner governments to generate high quality research and policy advice on key growth challenges. Established in 2008, the IGC is currently majority funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

Cities that Work is an IGC initiative that builds on our work to translate economic research and practical insight into clear urban policy guidance. We are seeking to appoint a **Cities Research and Policy Officer** who will work with the team on our sustainable cities work in the lead up to World Cities Day and COP26.

The **Cities Research and Policy Officer** should have the following skills and experience:

- A post-graduate degree in economics, public policy, economic geography, development, urban studies, or PhD in the same areas.
- Good writing skills and ability to clearly articulate technical concepts to a policy audience.
- Experience of working with policymakers or government in emerging countries of sub-Saharan Africa or South Asia would be of benefit.
- A curiosity for cities and their role in economic progress as well as climate change and sustainability.
- A desire to drive policy change from their work, specifically promoting sustainable economic growth in developing countries.
- A love of questioning norms and understanding the causes of things.
- Ability to work independently and self-motivate.

List of services

1. Work with Cities that Work team, academic partners and collaborating organisations to draft an IGC Growth Brief within the theme of Sustainable Cities.
2. Input on additional policy briefs and blogs on the theme of sustainable cities related to IGC Cities that Work's and IGC country team current content and engagements.
3. Cultivate relationships with academics in the sustainable cities space to deliver the above.
4. Cultivate relationships with policymakers, urban sustainability and climate change organisations, and other stakeholders to disseminate the above research and policy findings.
5. Engage with the wider IGC Communications and Events team to help organise the World Cities Day event in partnership with other stakeholders, specifically to share / launch Sustainable Cities work including aforementioned Growth Brief in the lead up to COP26.
6. Engage with IGC Country Programmes on their Sustainable Cities research workstreams.
7. Join regular catch ups with the Cities that Work team and share interim findings via virtual cups of tea.

Application process

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Please submit (a) a CV, (b) a short cover letter (highlighting your specific interests in Sustainable Cities and why you are in a unique position to undertake this work) and (c) a short policy focused writing sample to citiesthatwork@theigc.org with the subject **Cities Research and Policy Officer Application**.

If you have any questions about the position, please reach out to Cities Economist Oliver Harman oliver.harman@bsq.ox.ac.uk