

Job Description for Internship Opening at Dvara Research Foundation

Job Summary

Location	:	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
Sector	:	Banking Financial Services
Functional Area	:	Policy Research Economics Law
Position Type	:	Full Time Internship (Paid)
Duration	:	2-3 Months
Start Date	:	All year round

Project profile

The Future of Finance Initiative (FFI): The retail financial services landscape in India is witnessing sweeping changes that will impact traditional models, products and channels of delivery. These changes, while representing a tremendous opportunity for innovation in financial access, also pose new risks for regulation, supervision and customer protection which go well beyond India's current regulatory framework. The FFI aims to get ahead of these regulatory and policy challenges by conducting rigorous analysis of the next-generation policy challenges. We work towards identifying customer-level and system-level risks from the rising digitisation of payments, credit, investments and insurance, particularly those relating to data protection & privacy, financial risk & unfair terms. In the past year, the regulation and protection of consumer data has been a core focus of our research.

For more details on the FFI: <http://foundation.ifmr.co.in/futureoffinance/>

For more details on past work: <http://foundation.ifmr.co.in/futureoffinance/our-work/>

Profile Description

We are looking for highly talented individuals to work on policy research and analysis at the Future of Finance Initiative by Dvara Research Foundation. If you are passionate about working on some of the most important policy research questions related to financial systems design to ensure more effective financial inclusion in India, then this is an excellent opportunity for you.

Dvara Research has a culture of mentorship at its core. As part of this culture, the candidate will be mentored by a member of the team who will help them take up self-directed research that fits within the objectives of the FFI. The candidate will also have the opportunity to work alongside the Dvara Research team, who draw from a range of national and international experience in economics, law and policy, as well as with external stakeholders. For staff profiles see: <http://www.dvara.com/research/our-team/>

Tasks

Conducting research: Tracking and reviewing regulations and policy initiatives relevant to the FFI. Conducting rapid literature reviews and writing up short notes on new and emerging areas of retail and digital finance. Contributing to the research activity being undertaken by other members of the team.

Analysis and writing: Analysing research material and synthesising findings into short notes, policy briefs and academic writing.

Making presentations: Preparing and making presentations on findings to the Dvara Research team; assisting on external presentations in policy discussions.

Qualifications

Students pursuing Bachelor's (Final Year) and Master's Degree in law, public policy, economics and political economy. Students who have recently completed their studies may also apply.

Skills

- Ability to conduct thorough research and analysis. Need to have an eye for detail.
- Ability to work to short deadlines and under time pressure.
- Ability to communicate (both orally and in the written format) regulations and policies with clarity, detail and precision.
- Ability to work well in a team is critical in this position. Candidates need to be responsive and supportive, and be comfortable feeding into common group outputs on agreed timelines.
- A self-motivated and independent thinker.

Those interested in the position should send in their CVs to: jobs.research@dvara.com

Organisation Profile

Dvara Research Foundation, formerly known as IFMR Finance Foundation, is focused on the mission of ensuring that every individual and every enterprise has complete access to financial services. Since it was founded in 2008, it has made several contributions to the Indian financial system and participated in strong formal engagements with financial sector regulators and the Government of India. Dvara Research has had several engagements with the RBI. We were the technical secretariat for the RBI Committee on Comprehensive Financial Services for Small Businesses and Low-Income Households (CCFS), chaired by Dr. Nachiket Mor. We have also provided inputs to the RBI Household Finance Committee, the RBI Committee on Medium Term Path on Financial Inclusion, and most recently the Committee of Experts on a Data Protection Framework for India, of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Committee on Data Protection).