

## Job Description for Internship Opening at Dvara Research

### Job Summary

Location	:	Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
Sector	:	Banking   Financial Services
Functional Area	:	Planning   Policy   Research
Position Type	:	Full Time Internship (Paid)
Duration	:	2-3 Months
Start Date	:	Immediately

### Profile Description

We are looking for highly talented individuals to work on policy research and analysis at Dvara Research. 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.

### 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 confronting digital financial inclusion. For more details on the FFI: <http://foundation.ifmr.co.in/futureoffinance/>

The candidate will 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://foundation.ifmr.co.in/about-us/>

### 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.

## **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](mailto:jobs.research@dvara.com)*

## **Organisation Profile**

Dvara Research (formerly the IFMR Finance Foundation) is focused on the mission of ensuring that every individual and every enterprise has complete access to financial services. Since Dvara Research 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. Most recently, we were the technical secretariat to the Nachiket Mor Committee of the Reserve Bank of India on Comprehensive Financial Services for Small Businesses and Low Income Households that conceptualised among other matters, the creation of payment banks as a new category of banking institutions to meet the payment needs of Indians in 2013.