

CALL FOR PROPOSAL: S & T Policy @CENTRE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

To recruit: Lead, Science & Technology Policy

About CCS: The Centre for Civil Society, a highly regarded public policy think tank based in New Delhi, advances social change through market liberal policy reforms. Our work in education, livelihood, and policy training promotes choice and accountability across private and public sectors. To translate policy into practice, we engage with policy and opinion leaders through research, pilot projects, outreach and policy training.

About S & T Policy @CCS: Furthering over two decades of CCS' commitment to social change through public policy, **the S & T policy unit @ CCS** will function as the policy wing dedicated to advancing policy solutions that foster scientific enquiry and research and facilitate the creation and dissemination of new scientific knowledge.

Job Profile: CCS is looking for a full-time **Lead, S & T Policy** to join its newest venture S & T Policy @CCS at an exciting time of organisational growth and development. S/he will lead a small and dedicated team to provide necessary vision, leadership, and skills and will work towards liberalising the scientific ecosystem, encompassing both public and private sectors. S/he will be responsible for ensuring seamless engagement of S & T Policy @CCS with a larger S & T mothership organisation, for which CCS will anchor the policy piece, resulting in a synergistic output.

Key responsibilities:

- Analyse relevant policies in the science ecosystem and conceptualise policy briefs to raise the level of debate and awareness amongst government, industry, academia etc.
- Bring efficiency in scientific R&D financing
- Drive policy initiatives towards dismantling regulatory barriers to innovation and science entrepreneurship in India
- Conceptualize and lead partnerships strategy and programs, in line with the overall strategy
- Anchor strategic planning and outreach initiatives, including sustainability planning and decisions for future expansion
- Undertake programmatic interventions with science institutions in the ecosystem and consolidate best practices for change
- Develop and manage relationships with key senior public officials, influencers and decision makers at the central and state levels
- Track key policy developments and trends at national and state level
- Act as the catalyst for adapting innovative policy ideas and practices from the national level (or from other states) on to the field
- Represent CCS science policy work in national and state forums and media
- Be CCS spokesperson for governmental engagements and provide project management support to government officials for implementing key strategic initiatives
- Oversee the implementation of annual plans of the team including planning and monitoring launch events, report drafting and roundtables
- Support the strengthening of internal capacity to serve as a strategic, analytical knowledge partner to the government and partner organisation/s
- Play the role of a senior leadership talent at CCS, supporting the organisational goals in sync with others

Educational Qualifications and Experience: Degree in Public Policy/Development studies; 12-15 years of experience in an aligned field having proven expertise in public policy research and outreach. Background in STEM will be preferred.

Soft Skills: Believer of classical liberal thought, entrepreneurial attitude, resilient and well read, who possesses ability to nurture teams and drive high performance, public speaking skills, analytical & writing skills and interpersonal skills.

Compensation: CCS recognizes that the right candidate will have a significant impact on the success of the organisation and is prepared to offer an attractive compensation package for the non-profit sector, commensurate with experience.

Location: The position will be based at the CCS office in Delhi. Frequent travel around India with potential for international travel to partners and conferences will be expected.

To apply: Interested candidates must attach an updated CV, a statement of intent and at least 2 relevant publications/writings. Selected candidates will be called for interviews. Please email to careers@ccs.in with the subject line : Lead - S & T Policy @ CCS.
