

Six Month Research Assistantship
Application DUE: September 1st 2013
(Start date: September 15th 2013)

Job Title: MSR PhD Intern/Research Assistant
Regional Area: Bangalore/Hyderabad, India
Primary Background: Anthropology
Secondary Background: Journalism, Media, or Communication Studies

Microsoft Research is looking for a junior researcher (students recently graduated from or currently enrolled in a Masters or PhD level program) to collaborate on an ethnographic study of crowdsourcing. Project responsibilities will primarily involve collaborating with MSR Researchers to find and interview crowdworkers living in or near the IT centers of Bangalore and Hyderabad, India.

Applicants must, at minimum, speak fluent Telugu, Urdu, and/or Kannada, be able to navigate Bangalore and/or Hyderabad, and have strong written and spoken English skills.

The successful candidate should have a BA and/or MA in a social science (or at least 1 year relevant experience); excellent organizational skills; and thrive working independently. The ideal candidate will also have experience doing in-person interviews, including the research skills necessary to find potential interviewees. Preference will be given to applicants with formal training in ethnography, qualitative research methods, or journalism.

This Microsoft Research Assistantship will provide a stipend of approximately INR 40,000 per month for up to six months and office space at Microsoft Research India, Bangalore. The stipend varies based on qualification (PhD, Masters and Bachelors) and prior research experience. Research Assistantships also include single occupancy accommodation in Bangalore and economy class airfare as reimbursement if not based in Bangalore.

Please send questions or submit the following materials to Mary L. Gray (mLg@microsoft.com), Senior Researcher, to apply for this position:

- Current CV
- Names and contact email information for 2 academic references
- Cover letter outlining your interest in this assistantship, your availability, relevant prior experience and qualifications for this position

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