

Board Paper 3: Internship programme

Background

1. A discussion was held at the CPR*south*2 Board Meeting about the need for an internship programme to build policy intellectuals in ICT policy and regulation.
2. It was proposed the programme be initially centred on the 9 institutions which the Board Members are affiliated.
3. Based on the input received at the CPR*south*2 Board Meeting, a questionnaire was drawn up and circulated among the Board Members. The questionnaire is attached as Annex A.
4. Responses were received from Prof. Jhunhunwala, Prof. Rivera and Prof. Samarajiva. Professors Jhunhunwala and Samarajiva offered internships at IIT-Madras, India and LIRNE*asia*, Sri Lanka respectively.

The internship programme

1. LIRNE*asia* has at present recruited one intern to work in Sri Lanka.
2. The search for an intern in China is being conducted presently by Nuwan Waidyanatha of LIRNE*asia*.
3. The internships will be for a period of about 6-9 months and the interns will be paid an allowance.
4. At present, LIRNE*asia* is working on getting the necessary approval from the authorities. This will enable all non Sri Lankan interns to obtain Sri Lankan visas when necessary.
5. The improvement of the internship programme may be achieved through the participation and input from the Board members.

ANNEX A

CPR_{south} internship program

Extensive discussion occurred during the second CPR_{south} Board Meeting in Chennai, December, 2007 about an internship program. As you may recall, a majority of the Board Members favored an internship program to produce policy intellectuals.

In relation to administration support for the internship program, LIRNE_{asia} will be able to perform the following tasks:

1. Promotion/advertising of the program
2. Initial screening to shortlist candidates suitable to enter the program. The criteria by which applicants will be screened will be based on the requirements given to LIRNE_{asia} by the partner institutions.

The following questionnaire seeks to discover whether or not your institution is able and willing to conduct an internship program.

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| 1. Are you interested in partnering on the CPR _{south} internship program? | Yes |
| | No |

If 'yes', proceed to question (i); If 'no' then proceed to question (2)

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| i. Administrative details | |
| • Can you coordinate an Intern selection process? | Yes |
| | No |
| • Can you conduct an Intern appraisal at end of internship? | Yes |
| | No |

ii. Ability to mentor an Intern

- Number of Interns who can be mentored?
- Duration of the internship: 3 6 9 months?
- When (year) can the program be initiated?
- During which months?

iii. Funding resources available

- Will the Intern be paid an allowance for his/her work? **Yes**
No
- Will travel to/from internship location be funded by the institution or by the Intern?
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- Will accommodation be provided for foreign Interns? **Yes**
No
- Will a subsistence allowance (for meals) be provided? **Yes**
No

iv. Please provide the following information if you are able to at this moment. If not, we will need the information closer to the date of recruitment: :

- Possible project areas for the intended Intern(s) to work in:

- The required discipline(s) of the intended Intern(s):

- The minimum and preferred qualifications of the intended Intern(s) (BSc, MSc or PhD candidate etc):

v. Young Scholar candidates for CPR*south* conferences

- Will your institution be willing to sponsor candidates from your organization (an Intern and/or another researcher; please note that selection of the candidate will be at your discretion) to participate as a Young Scholar at CPR*south*3 or future CPR*south* conferences? (see Note 1 below for more information)

Yes No

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Yes No

- If yes, how many?

Note 1:

*Sponsoring a Young Scholar would include covering the cost of travel, accommodation and living costs for upto 5 days at the CPR*south* conference. For CPR*south*3, it has been estimated that accommodation including meals at the conference venue in China will cost approximately USD 600. The cost of travel will depend on airfares from home country to China in December 2008*

