



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT AHMEDABAD
BRIJ DISA CENTRE FOR DATA SCIENCE AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Announcement for the Position of

Research Associate (Post-Doctoral)

The [Brij Disa Centre for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence \(CDSA\)](#) at IIM Ahmedabad invites applications for a Post-Doctoral Research Associate position for the research project titled “Responsiveness in Digital Governance and Public Service Ecosystems.” The research seeks to understand how governments can become more responsive through digital technologies, citizen engagement, and data-driven governance. The selected candidate will work closely with [Prof. Samrat Gupta](#) at IIM Ahmedabad.

Role and Research Scope:

The Post Doctoral Research Associate will contribute to the development and validation of a Responsive Governance Index (RGI) for assessing governments' responsiveness across institutional and national contexts. The project will also involve multi-context qualitative case study on digital governance and public service ecosystems across India and Finland, design of governance measurement frameworks, survey instruments, and policy toolkits. The role offers strong opportunities to publish in top-tier venues and engage in joint work with international collaborators.

Qualifications:

- PhD in Information Systems, Management, Economics, Public Administration or closely related fields.
- Applicants who have recently submitted their thesis or are nearing completion of their PhD are also eligible to apply. If selected, such candidates must submit their PhD degree certificate within six months of the date of appointment.
- Strong background in quantitative, qualitative, and/or mixed-methods research.
- Experience with statistical analysis using R, Python, Stata, SPSS, or similar software.
- Excellent academic writing and communication skills.
- Demonstrated research potential through journal and conference publications

Key Responsibilities:

- Design and implement empirical studies involving governments, citizens, and public service organisations.
- Publish research findings in high-impact journals.
- Contribute to the centre's activities.

Preferred Qualifications: Preference will be given to candidates with experience or interest in one or more of the following areas:

- Digital Government and e-Governance
- Public Service Ecosystems
- Artificial Intelligence in Public Services
- Data Analytics and Data-Driven Decision Making
- Survey Design and Scale Development
- Structural Equation Modelling (SEM), Multilevel Modelling, or Advanced Statistical Analysis
- Qualitative methods including interviews, thematic analysis, and case studies

Location: The selected candidate will be working from the IIMA campus. If selected, the candidate is expected to manage their accommodation outside the IIMA campus, which is centrally located in Ahmedabad.

Remuneration: Compensation would be commensurate with qualification and experience and as per IIMA guidelines.

Application and Deadline: Candidates meeting the above criteria are advised to APPLY ONLINE ONLY. The application attachment file should contain the following materials (**as a single consolidated PDF**): 1) a cover letter stating educational and relevant work experience and a brief statement of research interests aligned with the project; 2) a detailed CV; 3) a sample of a published paper or a current working paper; and 4) contact information for three professional references. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for online or in-person interviews.

Last Date to Apply: 5th August 2026

To apply, please fill out the form using this [link](#).

For any query, please write to us at cdsa@iima.ac.in.