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About the Fellowship

Praja believes that uninformed and disengaged Elected Representatives and administration, rather than existing systems or policies, are responsible for the lack of good governance. In order to facilitate the work of these Municipal Councillors and to fill the gap in governance, this Fellowship Programme with Municipal Councillor aims to provide Mumbai's Municipal Councillors a fully dedicated team of individuals as their research assistants and to provide exposure to students to participate in the process of governance. The Praja Fellowship program to assist Mumbai's Municipal Councillors is a 6 months paid Fellowship Program. The selected Fellows would be engaged with this program from August 2017 to March 2018.

The Praja Fellowship program is designed to challenge the participating fellows to understand the ground-level realities to do with governance and understand the powers and functions of a Councillor while working alongside them. Praja is conducting this program for the newly elected Councillors from the 2017 MCGM elections. Fellows would be placed with a group of elected representatives, so as to assist her/him to discharge their functions effectively.

Mumbai would be divided into 10 zones and two fellows would be placed in each zone. The fellows will help the Municipal Councillors discharge their most basic function – raising questions in the floor of the House/ committees. These fellows will get a platform to work on the Civic, Health and Education and present the issues to Elected Representatives (mainly Councillors) related to the same. Through the period of the fellowship, the fellows will engage with various stakeholders in the process of governance, the elected representatives, administration and other experts. Praja Fellows will play the role of knowledge resources while supporting these elected representatives to discharge their responsibilities effectively.

FAQS

1. How can the applicant apply?

Answer: The applicant could apply for the Praja ER fellowship by logging on to Praja's website (www.praja.org) in the 'work with us' section and fill up the online registration form.

2. Does the applicant need to submit letters of recommendation?

Answer: We do not provide any addition scores for any recommendation letters.

3. Who is an ideal candidate for this fellowship?

Answer: Any motivated and dedicated student pursuing his/her graduation or post-graduation is an ideal candidate as long as he/she is willing to work for 20 hours a week for 6 months.

4. Is there some age criteria for the fellowship?

Answer: The applicant needs to be above 18 years of age.

5. What will the average work day consist of?

Answer: Work with an elected representative varies. Fellows need to fulfil 20 hours a week irrespective of any other commitment.

6. How much will the applicant be paid during the fellowship?

Answer: Applicant will be provided with a stipend of rs. 6000 per month for 6 months.

7. What options will be open to applicant after the fellowship?

Answer: There are various opportunities opening up in the area of policy and governance. Therefore, one can work in policy space, in both government and private organisations. Think Tanks are also a good option for policy related research.

8. If the applicant can't apply to the fellowship now, can he apply at a later date?

Answer: The registration for the fellowship closes on 5th August, 2017. That will be the final deadline and no applications will be evaluated further.

9. Is the training required?

Answer: The training is extremely important as the fellow would be introduced to powers and functions of a Councillor, the various committees, the devices that can be used by the Councillors to ask questions, budget allocations, etc. This is necessary so that the fellows can understand how and when questions are raised, among other things.

10. What is the expected work week?

Answer: The number of hours expected at the very minimum from a fellow is 20 Hours in a week. You would be given holidays on Sundays and on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.

11. How will the information be sourced?

Answer: Praja Foundation's staff will be constantly in touch with the fellow and will be providing information to the fellow to be conveyed to the respective Councillor.

12. How does the placement process work?

Answer: After the registration is complete, candidates' applications will be screened and the selected candidates will be shortlisted for an interview at Praja Foundation's Office.

13. Will the fellow get a living expense stipend/are his travel expenses that are work related covered?

Answer: Work related travel expenses will be covered as long as the fellow provides adequate bills and receipts for the same.

14. What type of on-site support will the fellow have for the project?

Answer: Fellows will be assigned one Praja member who will take care of their complaints, needs, grievances or any other such issue.

15. Is there any language requirement?

Answer: One should be familiar with the basics of English and Hindi. Marathi is preferable as it is the official language of the state of Maharashtra.

16. Do Fellows get holidays?

Answer: Yes, Fellows get holidays on 2nd and 4th Saturdays and all Sundays. Public holidays that Praja office follows will also be off for the fellow.

17. Who is eligible to apply?

Answer: Any person who is a citizen of India and understands or speaks basic Hindi and is above 18 years of age who has registered himself/herself at an institute is eligible to apply.

18. Can an outstation candidate apply? Will there be any accommodation provision?

Answer: Any outstation Candidate may apply but there is no provision of accommodation.

19. Can a fellow speak to an alumnus?

Answer: Praja had conducted a pilot run programme in 2013-14 and would be happy to answer all their questions and doubts on the fellowship programme. The applicants can always contact us on info@praja.org or call us on :- +91 - 022 - 6525 2729.

20. Is speaking in Marathi mandatory for selection?

Answer: Speaking in Marathi is not mandatory but preferable.

21. Will an applicant get off's on public Holidays?

Answer: Yes.

22. Does an applicant need to have a social sector background to apply?

Answer: There is no such requirement as long as the fellow is dedicated towards the programme.

23. When will the fellow get to know about the zone that he would be placed in?

Answer: This information will be given to the fellow on the completion of his orientation and training programme.

24. Will the fellow get to select the zone and the councillor of his choice?

Answer: No. That will be at the discrepancy of the organisation.

25. Will the timings of the fellowship be flexible according to the applicant's schedule?

Answer: As long as one dedicates 20 hours per week, there is flexibility to complete it as per the fellow's schedule.

26. Will the applicant get breaks during exams and assignments?

Answer: Yes, you will get unpaid breaks as long as the fellow completes 6 months through the scheduled program.

27. Will the fellow be the only one to be placed in a particular zone?

Answer: No, there would be two fellows allotted to every zone. Fellows are assigned in proportion to the councillors participating in this initiative at every zone. In zones which have more councillors, more fellows could be placed.

28. What if the applicant is below 18 years of age?

Answer: The applicant may still apply if he feels that he is extremely motivated to join the program. We may consider his application.

29. Can the fellow travel by his own vehicle and be compensated for it later?

Answer: No. A fellow will only be compensated for Public transport for which he/she will have to provide bills and receipts.

30. How much will the fellow be paid during the fellowship?

Answer: He/She will be provided with a stipend of rs 6000 per month for 6 months.

Click on the given link to submit your online registration form for the elected representatives fellowship 2017-2018

For applicants who are unable to fill or submit the google form, will follow the given link to download the registration form as a word document, download and fill the form and send it on info@praja.org and name the attachment as 'your first name your last name' for example: Riddhi_Vartak.



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