

Position: IAC Research Fellow

India Accountability Center (IAC) is looking for sharp, public-spirited and self-driven persons to join its team as **Research Fellow**. The ideal candidate will have a keen interest in public policy, issues related to govt. accountability; and a firm grip on the latest tech-tools.

IAC (<https://indiaaccountabilitycenter.org/>) is an initiative aimed at strengthening Indian democracy by holding the institutions and individuals in power accountable for the promises they make to the public. IAC endeavors to discover, track, and publish these promises along with their status, and also seeks to leverage the judicial process, if required, to ensure their fulfillment.

Position Summary, and Key Responsibilities:

As an IAC Research Fellow, your role will be to search, track, categorize, and analyze the promises made by the Governments (Centre as well as State), Ministers, MPs, MLAs etc. to the public, and assess their implementation status.

The spectrum of your work can broadly be divided in two time-zones:

1. The zone where promises have already been made in the past, and
2. The zone where new promises are being made in the present, and will be made in the days to come.

Your key responsibilities for the first zone are:

1. Dig out speeches, interviews, and public statements floating on the Internet (Google, YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, News websites, etc.) made by various ministers in the Centre or State Govts., MPs, MLAs etc. and document the promises found in this process in our database.
2. Gather data from official documents, policy briefs, press releases, and other public sources.
3. Summarize these promises in simple language.
4. Tracking the progress of these promises over time.
5. Analyze the feasibility, progress, and impact of the promises.
6. Prepare reports / summaries on the status of promises, highlighting achievements and shortcomings.

And your key responsibilities for the second zone are:

1. Scan the Social Media profile (Twitter, Youtube, Facebook, Instagram etc.) of Prominent Ministers, Govt. Bodies, Political Parties, Media houses, etc. on a daily basis and document the promises found in this process in IAC's database.
2. Scan the prominent newspapers (English, Hindi, and any other Indian language) on a daily basis and document the promises found in this process in IAC's database.

The fellow will also work on a weekly/ monthly Newsletter which will help IAC give value to its target audience & build rapport with them. (Of course, the responsibilities listed above are only indicative and not exhaustive in nature.)

Qualifications: A Bachelor's or Master's degree in Public Policy, Political Science, Journalism, Law or a related field.

Experience: Previous experience in research, public policy analysis, Journalism, Law or a related area will be a plus.

Number of Positions: 2 (Two)

Work Hours: Flexible (can range between 40-50 Hours/ Week)

Location: Remote (a resident of Delhi/ NCR will be preferred as we see value in working together in a shared space once or twice a week)

Honorarium: Rs. 15,000 p.m. (Rupees Fifteen Thousand per month)

Application Process:

Please email your CV with the subject line “**IAC RF 2024**” to info@indiaaccountabilitycenter.org latest by **15th October 2024**.

Treat the body of the email as your CV's cover-letter and use that space to tell us what value you see for yourself as an IAC Research Fellow and what value you can add to IAC's mission in this role, in less than 150 words. Please be honest, original, and pithy. Thank you.

About the Founders:

Rajiv Agarwal

Rajiv started his journey of entrepreneurship when he was just 19, not because he had any great mission in his mind but because it seemed fun to him. It was an untrodden path and he had the freedom to pave his own. Currently he has five Masters and a couple of Bachelor degrees in the fields of Computer Science, Psychology, Environment, Law, Linguistics, etc., as well as experience from many failed ventures and a few successful ones.

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Durgesh Nandan

Durgesh has been a serial entrepreneur and marketer. In his latest assignment he led marketing for Kuku FM and helped it to become India's largest audio OTT. He believes in scaling meaningful ventures and solving real world problems, in order to create a world of equal opportunities for everyone. Durgesh was also involved in political activism in the early part of his career.

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Gaurav Jain

Gaurav practices law at the Delhi High Court and writ petitions are a core area of his practice. He was the recipient of the Constitution Values Fellowship run by SFD (School For Democracy) which was awarded to him soon after he won the landmark judgment in '**Najma v. Govt. of NCT of Delhi**' in 2021. Before becoming an Advocate, Gaurav was a freelance journalist. And he loves cycling.

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