

Field: Microfinance, Development
Name: Friends of Women's World Banking (FWWB)
Location: Ahmedabad, Gujarat
Name of Position: Research Fellow – Empowerment Group

Brief Description of Organization:

Friends of Women's World Banking (FWWB) – India is a non-profit organization established in 1982 and provides financial, institutional and capacity building services to partner organizations promoting livelihoods and self-reliance of poor women.

Backed by more than 30 years experience, FWWB anticipated the role that community owned and Livelihood Enterprises could make on creating sustainable livelihoods for the poor and the community. It also provides financial & capacity building support to organizations promoting livelihoods & self-reliance of poor women across the country. It is an apex organization for micro finance activities that involves revolving loan fund, capacity building, integrated social security project and research & documentation. FWWB has various programs like Livelihood Enterprise Development (LEAD), Water and Sanitation, Renewable Energy, Institution and Capacity Building of Micro Finance Organisations (ICB MFI), Empowerment and Strengthening Community Based MFIs.

During the year 2010-2011 FWWB has extended its service to 44 organizations spread across 15 states of India. A positive impact of FWWB on partner organizations and their members is fundamental to its operations. In line with this, the social impact of the interventions will be measured and tracked using innovative tools developed in house.

Information specific to the internship:

Research Fellow – Empowerment Group

Qualifications

The research fellow should be comfortable working with a team of young professionals and also in a working culture that does not have fixed timings. S/he must be willing to travel and adapt to local culture. Must have analytical mind and an eye for the details.

Primary Responsibilities

The research fellow will be involved in research and documentation activities under Empowerment Group. This will involve conducting research on aspects like women leadership and financial literacy and develop training module for women members of the community based partner organizations of FWWB. The intern will also review existing training modules and documents available in FWWB library and also inculcate ideas of them in to the modules to be developed. The intern will also be involved in impact assessment process of the capacity building programs that are already imparted. This will involve developing tools, field-testing and analyzing data.

Schedule:

Preferred start date June 1, 2012 for up to 8 weeks.

Stipend:

FWWB will offer a stipend of Rs. 5,000/- to 6,000/- to help the fellow meet partial (70%) cost of accommodation and food in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Additional Information:

The intern will be exposed to two regional languages - Hindi and Gujarati. S/he will be working with the team who will assist them in language skills and also in translation. S/he will also be guided in regard to the culture of the area and the field regions.

Apply through:

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