

# Researcher Recruitment: India

## British Council: Teach India Evaluation

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### Background

The Research Base is an international research consultancy based in the United Kingdom. We provide research, market intelligence and evaluation services to a range of clients operating in the fields of education and skills, third sector/international development and business. Our clients consist of education providers, national and international charities, governments and multinational businesses. For further information, please visit: <http://www.theresearchbase.com/>

We are currently carrying out an impact evaluation of the **Teach India** programme in Delhi and Mumbai on behalf of the **British Council**. The Teach India programme seeks to provide learners with the confidence to use the English language in a variety of professional contexts. Training is provided by volunteers over a period of three months and seeks to improve English skills among the most disadvantaged communities.

The Research Base will be conducting desk research and analysis in the UK, but requires assistance from local researchers in Delhi and Mumbai to deliver telephone interviews (with the possibility of some face to face interviews) and in-person training observations.

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### Roles & Responsibilities

We require two local researchers (one in Mumbai and one in Delhi) to work with us, delivering interviews and primary research in India. Face-to-face training will be provided to the selected researchers by The Research Base in May.

Researchers will then work to carry out approximately 30 interviews each with learners and training volunteers, and three full day training observations over a four week period. The interviews and observations will seek to gain a qualitative perspective on the programme, obtaining perceptions of impact, as well as answers to questions around effectiveness, efficiency, relevance and sustainability.

Once trained and conducting interviews, researchers will be required to report daily to The Research Base, providing recordings of any interviews and allowing any questions to be answered and issues to be raised. As well as being remunerated at competitive rates (see below), researchers - assuming successful delivery of the project - will receive a letter of recommendation from The Research Base, to facilitate future employment.

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### Researcher Specification

As capacity development is a central part of this project, this position is suitable for early career researchers seeking hands-on experience of data collection and fieldwork, and who will benefit from the training opportunities that the project provides. However, the position is also open to more experienced researchers. The table below clarifies the applicant requirements, including both essential and desirable criteria.

| Local Researcher Criteria |   |
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| Essential                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• University qualification.</li><li>• Currently studying for or completed postgraduate qualification.</li><li>• Experience in conducting qualitative interviews.</li><li>• Experience in delivering reports written to a high standard.</li><li>• An understanding of research ethics.</li><li>• Fluency in English and relevant local language(s).</li><li>• Access to a laptop or computer with internet access; and access to a recording device or suitable computer application with which to record interviews.</li><li>• Availability for the full period of the research.</li></ul> |
| Desirable                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Experience in undertaking monitoring and evaluation.</li><li>• Experience in translation of data from/into local languages from/into English.</li><li>• Knowledge of the Indian education system.</li><li>• Ability to demonstrate local knowledge and understanding.</li><li>• Knowledge of the British Council, Teach India or other similar programmes.</li></ul>  |

## Remuneration

Researchers will be remunerated at GBP 100 per day. Each day is equal to eight hours and a total of 11 and a quarter days will be required from each researcher. This will comprise:

- Two full days (up to 16 hours) for training.
- 6.25 days (50 hours) over a four week period for interviews.
- 3 days (24 hours) for observations.

Researchers will be required to generate an invoice on completion of the interviews and provision of acceptable data. Invoice templates will be provided on request and invoices will be paid by international bank transfer within 30 days of receipt.

There will be an additional £50 allowance per local researcher to cover the cost of the calls and local travel.

## To Apply

*By responding to this advertisement, applicants confirm that they have not conducted any activity which may preclude them from carrying out Regulated Activity or from working with children or vulnerable adults.*

Please email your CV and a cover letter of no more than one page of A4, as well as the names and contact details of two referees - either at your university or from previous employers - to [info@theresearchbase.com](mailto:info@theresearchbase.com) by **21:00 BST on Tuesday, 16th April 2019**.

Please also confirm in your application that you will have access to a laptop and recording device, and the dates that you are available in May and early June.

Selected researchers will be interviewed by **Skype** on **Thursday 18th April 2019** and should therefore have access to an appropriate device at that time.