



## **Institute of Rural Management Anand**

The Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) is a premier, national-level Institute for Post Graduate, Fellowship, and Mid-career/in-service education, research, and consulting in rural management. Founded in 1979, IRMA's mission is to promote all-around sustainable rural development through professional management.

### **Vergheese Kurien Policy Lab (VKPL)**

VKPL was established in 2015 in collaboration with the Michigan State University, USA. The lab's objective is to promote policy-relevant research and develop a culture of rigorous evidence-building in India. The technical team at the lab consistently works with researchers of international repute. Such collaborations have enabled the lab to design and implement complex field experiments related to health, financial inclusion, women's entrepreneurship, agricultural practices, and local governments.

The methodological focus of the lab is on Field Experiments, Randomized Control Trials, and Quasi-experiments. VKPL is committed to sharing its research and field-level findings as well as developmental strategies with policy-makers and implementing agencies. The central research themes of the lab include problems related to livelihood strategies, decentralization and governance, empowerment of women, financial inclusion, the relationship between rural households and markets, provision of public services, and the impact of rights-based schemes and programs. The successful candidate(s) will undertake research activities along with the VKPL faculty team. The lab is headed by Dr. Vivek Pandey.



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**Verghese Kurien Policy Lab (VKPL) at IRMA Requires Research Fellow**

Position: Research Fellow (RF)

Organization: VKPL at IRMA

Experience: Minimum 1.5 years in the field of development economics

Application Deadline: This is a rolling position but please apply by 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021 for consideration in the current cycle of recruitment

Start date (earliest): 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

**Roles and responsibilities:**

1. Writing research grants as a part of the lab in collaboration with the lab research.
2. Design and manage the implementation of the field experiments and surveys.
3. Provide technical mentorship to research associates.
4. Peer review and quality assurance for the VKPL authored research and grant reports.
5. Collaborate for the research ideas with the professors associated with the VKPL and research associates.

**Education Qualification :**

1. Post-graduate in Economics (including applied, agricultural, and mathematic economics), statistics, public policy, or other relevant social science field with a strong quantitative focus.
2. Intermediate-level knowledge of evidence-based policy analysis and evaluation. The candidate should have a demonstrated track record of conducting experimental and/or quasi-experimental impact evaluations.
3. Advance knowledge of statistical software packages (STATA or R)
4. Excellent oral and written communication skills in English

**Remuneration and Period of Contract:**

Candidates should be available to initiate the work at the earliest. VKPL offers a consolidated remuneration of Rs. 45,000. This is a contractual position for 24 months (with probation of 6 months) with a possibility of an extension of one or two years, based on the performance and conduct of the candidate. The general terms and conditions of employment at IRMA will be applicable.

Please ensure that the application contains a detailed curriculum vitae and Statement of Purpose (maximum 350 words). Completed applications must be sent by email: [vkpl@irma.ac.in](mailto:vkpl@irma.ac.in). The email subject line must read as follows: Application for RF Position at VKPL.