

Total Immersion Programme in Finance and Development (TIP/FD) - Summer 2009

CDF invites internship applications for the Summer 2009 IFMR "Total Immersion Program in Finance and Development (TIP/FD)."

Description of the program follows and application requirements follow below, and to apply please use the following link: <http://ifmr.ac.in/intern09/>

The TIP F/D provides undergraduate and graduate students interested in microfinance, development finance, and economic development an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in working on issues relating to access to financial services for urban and rural poor in a developing country. Interns will participate in a structured, two-week course directed by leading researchers, IFMR Centre Research Associates, and practitioners from the Indian government, microfinance institutions (MFIs), and NGOs. The course will be followed by eight weeks of work on a CDF projects which will consist of either field-based research, policy/sector wide studies or data analysis. Past interns have completed stand-alone projects or worked to initiate, implement, and scale-up existing projects or pilots at the Centre.

The list of summer internship projects can be found at http://ifmr.ac.in/cdf/employment_opportunities.htm. Interns may also be placed on another of CDF's ongoing projects.

Internships are unpaid, although CDF will assist with housing and food or provide a small stipend of up to Rs 10,000/month toward living expenses. All interns are encouraged to obtain funding to cover international travel and personal expenses during the internship period.

This year, the TIP/FD will take place between June 8 and August 14, 2009. Applications will be accepted until April 15, 2009, although we encourage interested applicants to apply as soon as possible to ensure the best matching of interests and skills.

To complete the formal application, please visit <http://ifmr.ac.in/intern09/> and provide the following materials:

1. Resume

2. A **statement of interest** (1 page) - Indicate your interest in development finance and why you'd like to apply to CDF for an internship. Please let us know, if you can, topics you'd be interested to work on for your internship and also mention whether you would prefer to work on an existing project or on a standalone project.

3. A **brief academic writing sample (3-5 pages)**

4. **Indicate interest in other IFMR Centres** - Please also indicate if you are applying to any of the other IFMR research centres, such as Centre for Microfinance, Small Enterprise Finance Centre, or Centre for Insurance and Risk Management.