

Internship Opportunity with Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA)

An excellent opportunity for urban action research in Chennai

CMDA invites applications for an internship program from budding planners/ architects and young professionals to test their theories and actively participate in research and fieldwork in realistic urban settings in Chennai. It will expose students/professionals to the complex functioning and governance of Chennai Metropolis and help them acquire critical skills and learnings. Further, the City of Chennai is at a crucial stage of its urban planning history— the third master plan (2026–2046) of the city, funded by the World Bank, is currently being prepared.

Interns to the program can choose from the following themes as their area of focus:

Spatial Planning (third masterplan [TMP]/ urban agglomerations/ brownfield redevelopment/ urban regeneration/ informal settlements/ spatial, economic, environmental and land-use planning/ development regulations)

Urban Economics, Mobility, Real-Estate (land pooling and land value capture mechanisms/ application of urban economics to FAR/FSI/ densification and market forces/ Transfer of Development Rights/ TOD/ City Mobility plan)

Urban Design Projects (urban markets/ ring roads/ mass rapid transit systems/ public spaces/ multi-modal transport hubs, etc)

Climate, Environment and Resilience (extreme weather events/ flood mitigation, coastal area planning/ river-based planning/ water bodies rejuvenation/ green building/impact of the pandemic)

There are two categories for internship applications:

A. Current Graduate and Post-graduate students

A maximum of 40 students currently enrolled in an academic institution can be engaged in this category (20 students each in odd and even semester)

S. No	Qualification of interns	Stipend per month (INR)
1.	Graduates of all disciplines relevant to CMDA	8,000/-
2.	Post-graduates of all disciplines relevant to CMDA	10,000/-

B. Recent Graduates and Post-graduates who have completed their degree

Graduates and post graduates who have completed their course within a period of 1 year of having passed the final exam as on the date of applying for internship will be eligible for internship. A maximum of 10 interns per year would be engaged in this category.

S. No	Qualification of interns	Stipend per month (INR)
1.	Graduates Planning/ Architecture Post Graduates in Planning /Urban Design/ Civil Engineering	15,000/-
2.	Graduates in Civil Engineering Post Graduates in Sociology/ Economics	12,000/-
3.	Graduates in Sociology/ Economics/ Social Work	10,000/-

Applicants from both categories can intern for a minimum of 2 months to a maximum of 6 months at CMDA. If the internship period is lesser than 2 months, the applicant is not eligible for stipend.

Interested candidates are requested to fill the respective application form along with a CV and a one-page brief on their topic of interest to work with CMDA. Applications will be scrutinised through a selection committee for award of internship.

Application form for Category A (Current Graduate and Post-graduate students) -

<https://forms.gle/idSVh1BM8XyZriND6>

Application form for Category B (Recent Graduates and Post-graduates_ -

<https://forms.gle/SRnHAYfu6adkTrU17>

In the case of being unable to fill in the online application form, please send an email to internships.cmda@gmail.com with your CV and a one-page brief on your motivation to work at CMDA.

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