



Practical Action Consulting Pvt. Ltd is looking for a highly motivated early-career researcher to be involved in an exciting programme that researches the intersection between climate adaptation, knowledge politics, and measurement practices.

Practical Action Consulting (PAC), in partnership with University College London (UCL) is conducting a research project that explores how measurement practices, knowledge, and expertise shape the implementation of adaptation policies and programmes at multiple scales.

POSITION: Research Assistant

TYPE OF A POSITION: Short-Term Research Assistant

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1

Responsible to: Post Doc Sr. Researcher– Practical Action Consulting, Asia Office

Line Manages: NA

Unit: Consulting

Location: Kathmandu, Nepal

Job Functions and Responsibilities

As a Research Assistant, you will play a crucial role in supporting the Post-Doctoral Researcher in Nepal. Your role will include the following:

- Support in conducting qualitative literature reviews on demand and share findings with the Nepal and UK team.
- Review and summarize key relevant policy documents.
- Lead an action-research pilot with the guidance of the post-doctoral researcher.
- Provide conceptual, administrative, and logistic support in policy, workshop, and training events.

- Transcribe and translate key-informant interviews.
- Contribute to the project communications strategy by writing blogs, and supporting in developing workshop proceedings, working papers, and policy briefs.
- Attend weekly meetings with the UCL project team to discuss relevant topics, report progress, and plan next steps.
- Familiarize with relevant academic literature.
- Actively follow PAC's policies including Equal Opportunities and Equality policies.
- Travel as per the need for research.

Requirement and qualifications

The ideal candidate would be a Masters' degree holder who is interested in and has familiarity with researching the social dimensions of climate change. However, candidates that fit the following profile may also apply:

- A master's degree in environmental sciences, human geography, international relations, Sociology, Political Sciences, or related fields [*preferred*].

Masters' students in the final semester may also apply.

- Experience in qualitative research [*preferred*]
 - Previous experience in one or more of the following approaches: qualitative content analysis, social network analysis, thematic analysis [*desirable*].
 - Individuals without formal organizational experience but with research experience through masters' thesis work may also apply.
- Experience in social sciences research in the sector of Climate change with familiarity in the policy landscape, or experience in working for climate change adaptation projects in Nepal [*desirable*]

Personal attributes:

- Motivated to learn new concepts, ideas, and skills.
- Willingness to be regularly engaged in reading journal articles, policy documents and organizational reports is essential.
- Committed to PAC's policies of equal opportunity and equality, diversity and inclusion, and able to work well with academic and non-academic colleagues, students, and communities of all cultures and backgrounds.
- Ability to travel as per need for the research.

EXPERIENCE & KNOWLEDGE

- Basic qualitative research and analysis skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication in English & Nepali, with the ability to (i) produce high-quality research reports and (ii) produce transcripts from voice recordings in Nepali and translate it to English.
- Command over Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint

Period of Engagement and fees

This is a 6-month short-term contract position, with the possibility for an extension. The position is available immediately.