



Role: Program Head - Digital Public Goods and Innovation

IIIT Delhi is inviting applications for the position of "**Program Head - Digital Public Goods and Innovation**". The Product Strategy Unit for Inclusive Public Technology is an initiative aimed at bringing industry and academic experts together and enabling the creation of digital public goods, bodies of knowledge, and implementation processes to help make public digital systems more inclusive and expand the reach of public service delivery.

Role Overview

The Program Head – Digital Public Goods and Innovation will lead the strategy, design, and implementation of initiatives that leverage open technologies and digital public goods to drive social, economic, and governance innovation. The role involves building strategic partnerships with government bodies, multilateral organizations, startups, and the private sector to strengthen the digital ecosystem and promote inclusive, scalable innovation.

Key Responsibilities

- Support government initiatives to develop, deploy, and scale digital public goods aligned with national development and digital transformation goals.
- Manage a multidisciplinary team of program managers, researchers, and technology leads.
- Identify opportunities to integrate open-source tools, data platforms, and Al-driven solutions into public service delivery.
- Foster collaborations with government agencies, international organizations, and ecosystem partners for co-creation and capacity building.
- Oversee program governance and performance metrics, ensuring alignment with organizational strategy.
- Represent the organization at national and international forums to position its work within the global digital public goods and innovation agenda.
- Develop thought leadership materials, policy briefs, and reports to inform and influence stakeholders.
- Guide the development of pilot projects and innovation challenges that demonstrate the value of open digital ecosystems.

Qualifications and Experience

- Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Data Science and AI, IT Engineering, or related field;
- 20+ years of work experience with international organizations, global philanthropies, or similar institutions within the digital innovation or ICT4D space.
- Demonstrated understanding of digital public goods, open data, open-source technologies, and Al governance.
- Proven experience managing large-scale multi-stakeholder programs or consortia.
- Strong analytical, strategic thinking, and stakeholder engagement skills.
- Excellent communication, presentation, and partnership-building abilities.

Desired Attributes

- Passion for inclusive digital transformation and innovation for the public good.
- Comfort working at the intersection of technology, policy, and development.
- Entrepreneurial mindset, with the ability to navigate ambiguity and drive results in complex ecosystems.
- Commitment to open standards, interoperability, and ethical use of technology.

Salary and Duration

- The salary will be in the range of 50 65 lakhs per year based on the candidate's qualification and experience.
- The duration of the job will be equal to the duration of the project and co-terminus with the project. Currently, the duration is till 31st July 2026

This role offers the opportunity to significantly impact public infrastructure and services through innovative digital solutions. The ideal candidate will be passionate about technology for social good and able to navigate complex stakeholder environments while driving product success.

How to apply

Please send your c.v. to chcc@iiitd.ac.in.The last date of application for the job is 9/11/2025. However, applications will be processed and received and people will be asked to join as soon as possible.

. Please also send a cover letter indicating how you are fit for the job and, if offered, how soon you will be able to join.