



INDRAPRASTHA INSTITUTE of
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
DELHI

Field Investigator – Political Theory of AI

Location: IIIT Delhi

Employment Type: Full-time, **6 months (starting February 1, 2026), with the possibility of extension**

Salary: ₹20,000 per month

About Us

IIIT Delhi is a premier research institution that explores the evolving relationship between **technology, society, and governance**. We seek a highly motivated Field Investigator for an ICSSR-funded major project titled “Political Theory of AI: Developing Pathways and Policies towards Responsible Futures” led by Dr Manohar Kumar and Dr Praveen Priyadarshi. The position will contribute to critical discussions on the political theory of AI, with a focus on governance, regulation, and ethics.

This role provides an exciting opportunity to engage in **interdisciplinary research** at the intersection of **political theory, policy analysis, and AI ethics**. With the primary objective of contributing to the development of a political theory understanding of AI, the project aims to study the discourse on how AI technologies impact democratic institutions and governance structures.

Role Overview

As a **Field Investigator specializing in the political theory of AI**, you will conduct in-depth field research and data collection on **AI governance, regulatory frameworks, and the ethical dimensions of AI deployment**. Your work will involve interviewing and conducting field survey

with AI developers and designers and will contribute to scholarly research and policy recommendations for **governments, industry stakeholders, and civil society**.

Key Responsibilities

- **Research & Analysis** – Conduct critical research on **political theories of AI governance, regulatory frameworks, and ethical challenges**.
- **Literature Review** – Analyze **academic and policy literature**, identifying gaps in existing discussions on AI governance.
- **Policy & Legal Assessment** – Evaluate AI-related **policies, legislation, and governance models** at national and global levels, focusing on their implications for democracy and social structures.
- **Conduct field study:** with Institutions and bodies working on the development of AI

Who Should Apply?

We are looking for candidates with:

- **A postgraduate degree (55%) in Political Science, Political Theory, Public Policy, Philosophy, or a related field**
- **Strong research and analytical skills**, with the ability to critically assess **policy documents, academic literature, and legal texts**
- **Expertise in political theory and public policy**, with a focus on **technology ethics, digital governance, or AI regulation**.
- **Excellent written and verbal communication skills** to articulate complex ideas to academic, policy, and public audiences.
- **Experience in interdisciplinary research or collaboration on policy, technology, or legal studies** is a plus.
- **Field related expertise is a plus.**

What We Offer

- **A dynamic research environment** at a leading institute.
- **Opportunity to think together and contribute to emerging debates** on AI, governance, and democracy.
- **Potential for contract extension**, depending on research progress and funding availability.
- **Potential for extra pay** depending on research contribution.

How to Apply

We encourage you to apply if you are passionate about political theory, AI governance, and the intersection of technology and political theory.

Interested candidates are invited to apply through this link: [Link](#) Only the shortlisted candidates will be notified via email and followed up with the interview round.

 **Application Deadline:** January 25, 2026

IIT Delhi is committed to fostering a **diverse and inclusive** research environment. We welcome applications from **all qualified candidates**.