

Research Internship
Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation

Position: Research Intern
Organization: Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (BRLF)
Location: New Delhi
Number of Positions: One
Reports To: Research Fellow
Duration: 3 Months
Stipend: INR 15000/ month
Application Deadline: August 15th, 2026

ORGANISATION BACKGROUND

Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (www.brllf.in) is an autonomous body established in 2013 under the Ministry of Rural Development, as a decision of the Union Cabinet of the Government of India. With a vision to transform the lives and livelihoods of the most vulnerable populations across India, BRLF plays a crucial role in fostering and facilitating civil society action in partnership with the government and people's institutions. Its mandate encompasses a range of objectives, including bridging the gap between program outlays and outcomes, improving implementation of government flagship programs, providing grant support to civil society organisations (CSOs), and promoting partnerships for inclusive, sustainable development. BRLF has a pan-India mandate and focuses on tribal geographies, particularly those in the Central Indian tribal belt and Northeast India. The focus has been on the states with the highest concentration of tribal populations: Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Assam, and Mizoram. To achieve its objectives, BRLF follows a networked approach to nurture the appropriate institutional and programmatic ecosystem to enhance interventions in sustainable livelihoods for tribal rural communities. The collaborative model actively engages various key stakeholders, including the government, private philanthropies, the public and private sectors under corporate social responsibility (CSR), Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), and Community-based Institutions (CBOs and PRIs). The unique collaborative model facilitated by BRLF successfully harnesses the collective strengths of these institutions to design and scale rural development initiatives effectively. For more details, please visit our website: www.brllf.in

POSITION SUMMARY

Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (BRLF) invites applications from motivated and detail-oriented candidates for the position of Research Intern. The intern will support research, knowledge management, and data analytics activities of BRLF under the Research and MEL Vertical.

The role offers a meaningful opportunity to contribute to initiatives in rural development, sustainable livelihoods, natural resource management, tribal development, and evidence-based planning. A key responsibility of the position will be supporting the preparation of District Atlas Reports for 234

districts across BRLF geographies by compiling, analysing, and visualising secondary data and spatial information.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Research and Data Analysis

- Collect, compile, clean, and analyse secondary data from national and state-level sources.
- Work with datasets such as the Census of India, NFHS, NSS, SECC, NITI Aayog, Ministry databases, and other government publications.
- Conduct literature reviews, policy reviews, and thematic research related to rural livelihoods, natural resource management, tribal development, and governance.
- Support data validation, quality checks, and preparation of analytical summaries and reports.

District Atlas Development

- Support the preparation of District Atlas Reports for 234 districts in BRLF geographies.
- Compile district-level indicators relating to demographics, livelihoods, agriculture, forests, water resources, infrastructure, health, education, and socio-economic development.
- Prepare district profiles, thematic analyses, maps, charts, and tables for atlas reports.

Programme Support

- Support workshops, consultations, meetings, and dissemination activities as required.
- Supports the day-to-day activities of the Research and MEL Vertical as and when required.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Essential

- M Phil/ PhD (pursuing) in Economics, Development Studies, Statistics, or related disciplines.
- Knowledge and experience in working with secondary data sources and large datasets.
- Strong analytical, quantitative, and research skills.
- Proficiency in SPSS/ R, MS Excel, Word, and PowerPoint.
- Good written and verbal communication skills in English.
- Familiarity with rural development, livelihoods, natural resource management, and tribal development issues.
- Basic knowledge of Hindi (written and spoken) is essential
- Physical presence at BRLF Delhi office is mandatory during working hours of 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on all weekdays during the internship assignment.

Desirable

- Knowledge of GIS software such as QGIS or ArcGIS can be an advantage.
- Knowledge of regional languages of Central Indian Tribal Belt/ North-East

EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

- District Atlas Reports for BRLF geographies.
- Secondary data compilation and analytical datasets.
- Research briefs and presentations.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Eligible candidates interested in this position are requested to apply through [LINK](#). The intern is expected to use their personal laptop for completion of the internship assignment.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with early submission strongly encouraged and a final application deadline of **August 15, 2026**.

BRLF is an equal opportunity organisation without any discrimination by virtue of religious belief, social class, caste, special ability, or gender. Women are encouraged to apply.