Senior Research Associate

IPA Philippines started in 2003 and is one of IPA's first country offices. In the Philippines, IPA has strong partnerships and diverse projects in collaboration with government agencies, NGOs, international organizations, academic institutions and other partners.

IPA Philippines is looking to hire a Research Associate or Senior Research Associate (depending on candidate’s relevant experience and skills) to work on the consumer protection project, in collaboration with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP). The position holder will be responsible for the overall leadership and direction of the project on-ground, being the primary liaison and ensuring continuous collaboration between BSP, financial service provider, IPA Philippines, IPA Global and principal investigators (PIs) working on this project. The position holder will also be responsible for organizing and implementing workshops, providing capacity building for partner organizations, cleaning and analyzing data, writing reports and producing presentations. The position holder may be assigned to other projects in the country office, after completion of the first project.

Application Instructions

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Responsibilities:

- Actively liaise and communicate with BSP, financial service providers (FSPs), principal investigators (PIs), and IPA management on a regular basis to ensure smooth project delivery
- Organize and facilitate workshops, consultation meetings and other events as needed
- Support partners and PIs in designing and refining consumer protection reporting frameworks
- Collaborate with specific teams at BSP and/or partner FSPs to collaborate on data sharing and data collection
- Clean and analyze data share by BSP and/or partner FSPs, which may include quantitative data and unstructured text data
- Develop replicable codes for analyzing data in R and Python, train personnel in partner organizations to use these codes for future analysis
- Work closely with relevant units at the BSP to understand needs for capacity building in terms of using data for consumer protection, and provide tailored support
- Support PIs in producing reports, presentations and other project products
- Produce dissemination materials such as blog posts and project summary on IPA website
- Support project budget management
• Assist in the development and management of other financial inclusion projects in the Philippines, if needed

Qualifications:

• Bachelor’s degree in economics, public policy, social science, or a related field
• 2-5 years of relevant work experience, including experience in economics research, impact evaluations, financial inclusion, international development; or financial sector policy
• Advanced competency in R and Python is required.
• Stata competency is strongly preferred
• Experience with quantitative data collection and analysis
• Strong professional writing skills
• Strong client facing and presentation skills
• Fluency in English
• Self-starter, entrepreneurial mindset, versatility, and ability to learn at a fast pace
• Passion for making data-driven decisions a reality in the international development sector.

Preferred Qualifications:

• Master’s degree in economics, public policy, social science, or a related field
• Skills in analyzing unstructured text data such as topic modeling and sentiment analysis
• Proficiency in Filipino languages
• Experience living and working in the Philippines