



**Job Title:** Research Assistant

**Location:** Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA), Anand - Gujarat

**About IRMA:**

The Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) is a premier, national level Institute for Postgraduate, Doctoral and Mid-career/in-service education, research, and consulting in rural management. Founded in 1979, IRMA's mission is to promote all-around sustainable Rural Development through professional management.

IRMA, in collaboration with the National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX IPFT), seeks a Research Assistant for its Centre of Excellence in Commodity Derivatives Markets. This exciting opportunity focuses on promoting innovation and excellence in rural management and agricultural commodities.

Join our research team and gain invaluable experience in the dynamic world of commodity derivatives. This is a fantastic opportunity also for prospective Ph.D. students to hone their analytical skills while working on real-world projects.

**Role Description:**

The responsibilities of the role include:

- Conduct literature review on Commodity Derivatives markets and allied areas
- Secondary data analysis using various econometric models (especially time series)
- Report drafting and editing,
- Publishing project results through policy briefs, white papers, reports, conferences, and peer-reviewed publications.
- The candidate may be required to travel within India for the purposes of the Centre and data collection as needed.

**Selection Criteria:**

**Essential:**

- M.Phil. or master's degree with at least second division in Finance and allied fields such as Quantitative Finance/ Rural Finance/Financial Economics with a minimum research experience of 01 year.
- Only candidates with strong quantitative analysis skills will be considered.
- The candidate MUST have demonstrated proficiency in utilizing specialized software such as R, Python, or Stata, as well as experience working with specific datasets for both quantitative and qualitative analysis.
- Understanding of commodity derivatives markets.



**Preferred:**

- Candidates who have completed their PhD or have recently submitted their thesis and are awaiting defence in the relevant fields and have a track record of publishing high-quality peer-reviewed work are also encouraged to apply.
- The candidate should possess strong communication skills, encompassing both written and oral proficiency.

**Age:**

The Applicants age should preferably be around 25-35 years.

**Nature of Appointment**

The position would be for one year and it may be extended based on performance.

**Remuneration:**

The remuneration will be in the range of Rs. 40,000/- to Rs.45,000/- per month, commensurate with the candidate's qualifications, experience, and fit with the position.

**To Apply:**

Interested candidates may please apply online by November 15, 2024, at <https://www.irma.ac.in/careers/careers.php>.

**Please Note:**

The IRMA Director reserves the right to relax the prescribed selection criteria in the advertisement in case a suitable applicant is found fruitful for the position.

The Institute reserves the right to change/apply appropriate shortlisting criteria in case of a large number of applications.

Only short-listed candidates will be called for the interview, and no correspondence/interim enquiries/telephonic enquiries in the matter will be entertained.

IRMA is committed to equal opportunities and inclusion of all social groups, including people belonging to minority groups, Gender, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, and persons with disabilities.

Mere fulfilling the minimum qualifications and experience prescribed will not make an applicant eligible to be called for an interview.