Faculty Positions for Research Group in "IT and Society" at IIIT-Delhi

IIIT Delhi (www.iiitd.ac.in) is a research-led, academically and administratively autonomous institute created by Govt of Delhi with a vision of become a globally respected academic Institution in IT and allied areas. Being unencumbered by past, it has employed many measures to help it achieve its vision, making it one of the most vibrant and exciting academic environments in India and an ideal place for a young researcher who wishes to work and make an impact/difference in these exciting times in India. It has recruited 17 faculty members in 2 years, most PhD from US, and has built strong research groups in areas like Security, Biometrics, Mobile computing, Data management.

The Institute wants to set up a group/Center on "IT and Society" for conducting research in that area, and is looking for tenure-track faculty members for the same. This center will bring together researchers in the area of sociology, policy, psychology, philosophy (particularly those relating to knowledge) and other relevant HSS areas. In collaboration with IT faculty of the Institute, it is hoped that the center will study the interface between IT and society, and dynamics of this interface.

For applying, send an email with your CV containing the names of at least three referees, to the Director – Jalote@iiitd.ac.in.

Eligibility-
A candidate must have a PhD in an appropriate area, and a keen interest in conducting interdisciplinary research in the area of "IT and Society" (a track record of research in this area is highly desirable, but not essential). A person with an Engineering or science degree followed by PhD and research in a suitable HSS area will probably be best suited.

Selection/Recruitment in US-
In 2011 selections will be held in various locations in US. Short listed candidates will be invited to meet the selection committee which will be held in University of Maryland, University of Illionois, and Univ of California Berkeley in first week of March, 2011. Invited candidates will be reimbursed for their travel to meet the selection committee based on receipts (max: $450).

Areas of Interest-
For the center, the Institute is looking for faculty members in the areas of sociology, psychology, arts, philosophy, policy, law, etc., i.e. areas with which IT has a strong relationship. The Institute is also looking for an eminent senior researcher/scholar with vision and ability to attract young and talented faculty to lead this center.

Research, Innovation, and Development-
The Institute has a strong focus on research, innovation, and development to make an impact through published papers, technologies, and deployments. Towards this end, it is recruiting with the aim of building groups (rather than gain breadth), and has a strong focus on PhD program (it has instituted various policies to attract PhD students and has already recruited 15 scholars in two years). It provides initiation research grant, support for travel for the first few years, support for professional membership, etc. It has implemented the systems of yearly appraisal/feedback and tenure to help faculty members aim high and prevent complacency from setting in.

Education-
The Institute also aims to provide excellent education and has employed many innovations in its programs. In the BTech(IT) Program, it has employed concepts like starting of CS courses from 1st semester, streams in application areas in last 4 semesters to allow interdisciplinary possibilities; a stream in HSS; etc. It is also expected that it may start a MPhil/PhD programs in "Digital Humanities" and in some sub-areas.

Compensation and Quality of Life-
The institute provides a decent compensation and allows a faculty member to supplement it through research grants (like "summer salary from grants" concept of US), summer sabbaticals in R&D labs/companies, consultancy, etc. It will soon have a modern campus at Okhla, with a Metro station within ½ km, where it will have modern, good quality, and spacious accommodation for faculty. Delhi is widely regarded as one of the best cities in India for living, with excellent air and train connectivity.

Important Dates:
For applying: Feb 10, 2011
E-seminars of shortlisted candidates: Feb, 2011
Selections: March first week, 2011.
Decisions to be communicated within two weeks of the selection committee meetings.