

Associate II – EMBARQ China

Location CN-Beijing Type Regular Full-Time

Program Administration

Options

World Resources Institute (WRI), an action oriented global organization most recently voted as #1 environment & natural resource think tank in the world is consistently recommended by staff as one of the “most desired organizations to work for”. WRI has over 30 years of experience focusing on the intersection of the environment and socio-economic development. WRI goes beyond research to put ideas into action - our mission is to move human society to live in ways that protects Earth’s environment and its capacity to provide for the needs and aspirations of current and future generations.

WRI has been growing the past five years and now has offices in Washington D.C., India, and China and a presence in Brazil, Indonesia as well as a dozen other countries around the world. WRI staff not only have a deep understanding of the issues, but also an understanding of the political and cultural contexts that shape how decisions are made and how to engage effectively in the countries in which we work and partner. Our staff represents over 40 nationalities.

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Overview

EMBARQ, The WRI Center for Sustainable Transport, is seeking an Associate II to work in urban and regional development, transportation, and environmental projects in WRI’s China office. Established in May 2002, EMBARQ acts as a catalyst for socially, financially, and environmentally sound solutions to the problems of urban transport. EMBARQ focuses on cities in developing countries where air pollution, traffic congestion, and lack of access to clean and convenient transport are most acute and the poor bear the brunt of the problem. EMBARQ’s strategy is to foster viable government-business-civil society partnerships whose members are committed to finding solutions to the transportation-related problems facing the cities in which they operate. EMBARQ has already established local centers for sustainable transport in cities in Mexico, Brazil, Peru, Turkey and India. For more information about EMBARQ, please visit <http://embarq.wri.org>.

Responsibilities

EMBARQ is seeking a highly motivated and self-driven professional who will play a key technical role in developing and implementing a strategy and business plan for *EMBARQ* China, participate in transportation, urban development, and/or public health projects in China, and help develop partnerships with Chinese cities and organizations. This major responsibility of the Research Associate is to help implement sustainable transportation projects in China. The candidate should have strong research, analysis and communication skills to support the development of *EMBARQ* China.

Working with team members and external partners, the successful candidate will:

PERFORM RESEARCH

- Conduct research and analysis on sustainable transportation blueprint, practical solutions, and related projects.
- Work on related issues and tasks according to the requirements of the program.
- Activities will be defined on a project-by-project basis by WRI/*EMBARQ*.
- Develop practical guidance and tools for sustainable transportation planning for municipal governments.
- Produce, proofread, and edit research reports and papers in both English and Chinese.

DEVELOP PROJECT

- Prepare concept note/proposal in both English and Chinese.
- Lead the scoping, mapping, and review of existing country-level and city-level sustainable transportation studies.

BUILD NETWORK AND COMMUNICATION

- Help build partnerships between WRI/*EMBARQ* and key organizations working in urban planning and transportation in China.
- Organize internal/external meetings, workshops, conferences, and other project dissemination activities.
- Coordinate publication process
- Have good communications skills with our partners and public.

HAVE FUNDRAISING CAPACITY

- Identifying new funding opportunities for the *EMBARQ* China and writing proposals together with other WRI/*EMBARQ* staff.
- Conduct Project Management
- Support other activities as needed

The work may involve travel, within China or internationally, and will involve working with diverse disciplines and people.

Qualifications

- Master degree or higher in Transportation planning/policy/engineering, urban planning/studies, or related fields, PhD degree is plus
- 7 years or more work experience in urban transportation field, experience in sustainable transportation planning and sectorial projects would be an advantage, for example transportation planning, travel demand management, intelligent transportation system, etc.
- Familiarity with assessment of low carbon transportation methodologies as well as transportation modeling and analysis toolkits
- Strong quantitative analytical skills
- Excellent research, analytical, writing, and presentation skills, preferably with publication experience
- Fluency in oral and written Chinese and English
- Ability to work well in a team, manage multiple priorities, take initiative, and deliver under tight deadlines
- Willingness to travel and to concentrate on field work as needed

Compensation: Competitive compensation will be offered commensurate with qualifications.

Location: Position based in Beijing, China