

The India Climate and Health Data Capacity Accelerator

Building a workforce of purpose-driven data scientists and enabling social impact organizations to unlock the power of data to meet their missions.

The India Climate and Health Data Capacity Accelerator is a collaboration between J-PAL South Asia and data.org, and supported by Wellcome. The academic partners are Ashoka University, BITS Pilani, and IIIT Delhi.

The Accelerator aims to strengthen the **data capacity of the social sector** in India by providing social impact organizations with the support they need to **catalyze** the application of data to address systemic challenges.

Our university partners will train up to **300 students and data professionals** over a two-year period through 'Data Science for Social Impact' diploma programs.

J-PAL South Asia will play a key role placing these trained data professionals through **Fellowships** and **Apprenticeships** on **carefully selected data projects** in nonprofits and government agencies that address **priority policy issues** related to climate change and health.



FELLOWSHIP PARTNER

A fellowship partner is a nonprofit or government agency that can host Fellows (1 year) or Apprentices (3 months) through impactful, data-oriented projects in the domains of climate and/or health.

Ideal fellowship partners:

1. **Have a Climate/Health Project:** Existing or new climate/health problem statement with the potential for high social impact
2. **Have a Data-Driven Culture:** A demonstrated commitment to the use of data and evidence to be more effective, efficient or equitable, and access to the data, resources and tools required to solve the problem identified above
3. **Can Provide Mentorship:** An existing data team / other mentor within the organization who can guide the Fellow and provide domain expertise
4. **Ensure Data Security & Privacy:** Policies and guidelines in place relating to data governance

HOW TO ENGAGE

Fellowship partner engagement is a three-step process:

1. **Data Maturity Assessment:** This assessment helps us understand the current data infrastructure, practices, and capabilities within your organization to tailor the fellowship experience to your needs. (~25 minutes)
2. **Partner Form:** Share details about your organization's activities, use of climate/health data, and expectations from the fellowship. This allows us to assess your alignment with our program objectives and ensure a mutually beneficial partnership. (~25 minutes)
3. **Project Scoping Form*:** Eligible organizations will be contacted and requested for a deep-dive into potential data projects for fellows. This step captures project goals, desired outputs, and required skills. Upon successful scoping, project contracting to follow.

For other questions and queries, please write to us at data_accelerator@povertyactionlab.org.

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