MDDA Urban Governance
Fellowship Programme

Mussoorie Dehradun Development Authoriy
Dehradun

Knowledge Partner
Gati Foundation

About Mussoorie-Dehradun Development Authority

MDDA was established in 1984 with objective of planning and development of the city. Dehradun manifests its position as an important city in the most fertile region of Doon Valley between rivers Yamuna and Ganga. To check the haphazard development and degradation of natural environment, to sustain the glory of the city and to build further upon it was colossal task handed over to the MDDA in the year 1984 under the provisions of U.P Urban Planning and Development Act 1973.
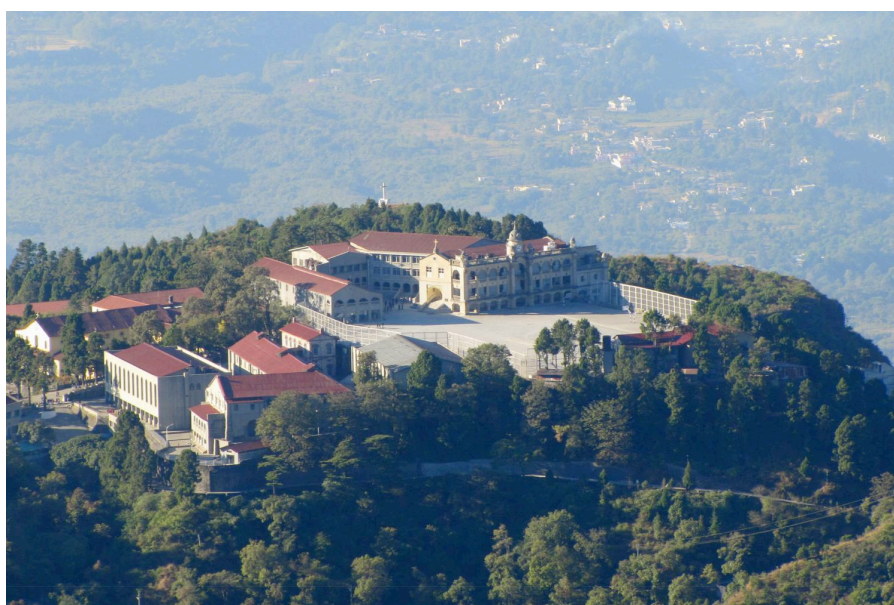
MDDA is a local decision making agency and it is totally self-sufficient, capable of undertaking all sorts of activities for well-planned urban development. The challenges before MDDA are massive and diversified, as Dehradun and Mussoorie both requires an integrated development process, which has to be inexpensive, functionally utilitarian, environmentally healthy, recreationally adequate and aesthetically appealing. MDDA is committed to keep pace with the needs of fast growing population and relevant infrastructure required for such phenomenal growth.

The development of Dehradun and Mussoorie in a planned manner, creating quality infrastructure, provision of sites and services and the housing needs of under privileged are thus the focus areas of MDDA.

MDDA has been awarded with several prestigious accolades. Recently, the authority has been awarded with SKOCH Award (silver medal) for its outstanding effort in improving the bye-laws regulations. MDDA has also been awarded with India Pride Award for Best State PSU. MDDA is an ISO certified government agency monitoring the process of urban planning in the capital city of Dehradun.

About MDDA Urban Governance Fellowship

Due to increasing population and unabated migration, cities are becoming sprawling urban hubs. The challenges of urbanization manifest themselves in various forms. Solid waste management, unending traffic and the deteriorating environment are some of the most basic and visible consequences of the urban growth. For ecologically and seismological sensitive cities like Dehradun, considerations of sustainability and resilience assume even greater significance.

In this backdrop, as India advances to make its cities smarter and technologically advanced, there's also a need to make them more inclusive and citizen centric. MDDA believes that architecture, urban planning and Information Technology/Computer Science students can play a role of being an "enabler" in the process of urban transformation. It can ensure a more sustainable path for urban development.

Keeping this in mind, MDDA is providing a first-ever opportunity for students from Architecture and Information Technology/Computer Science discipline from Dehradun based Universities and Colleges to join the policy formulation process and improve the urban governance landscape for the cities of Dehradun and Mussoorie.

The main objective of MDDA's Urban Governance Fellowship Programme is to seek ideas of young and dynamic urban planning and architecture students in solving the classical issues prevailing in the domain of urban planning and governance. The Programme helps in raising the awareness and sensitising the students about city planning and intricacies involved in the process.

Programme Details

Eligibility:

- Students of Architecture and Information Technology/Computer Science who are pursuing graduation or post-graduation and are in final year of their study.
- Students who have scored 7 CGPA or more can apply for Fellowship Programme.
- Student must be enrolled with a College/University situated in Dehradun only.

Duration:

- 4 to 6 Months (4 February to 3 August, 2019) Fellowship duration will be minimum 4 months to maximum 6 months.

Number of Students to be selected:

- 4 (2 each in Architecture and Information Technology/Computer Science). If required, the number of students to be selected might undergo a revision.

Nature of Fellowship:

- For Architecture Students
- For Information Technology/Computer Science Students

Note: Currently, the Fellowship Programme is being rolled out for the students of Dehradun but in coming times, the same will be extended to students of different regions.

Selection Procedure

Stage 1

Students are required to fill a Google form.
They will also be asked to attach the following:

CV
CGPA Letter
Statement of Purpose (SoP) – 100 words
Letter of Recommendation from HOD/University

Stage 2

24 shortlisted applicants will be required to send us a writing sample. The sample should be between 400 to 500 words, based on the following theme

For Architecture students: Fine-tuning the bye-laws.
For Information Technology/Computer Science students: Designing a robust public grievance redressal system.

Writing sample to be sent at mddafellowship@gmail.com

Stage 3

12 Shortlisted applicants – 6 from Architecture and 6 from Information Technology/Computer Science - will be required to make a presentation to an expert committee appointed by MDDA.
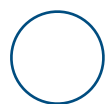
Stage 4

Final selected students will be officially communicated about the confirmation and will be asked to join the Fellowship Programme.

A fellowship amount of Rs.60,000 for six months (pro rata basis) will be provided. Certificate of Excellence will also be provided to the final candidates by MDDA.
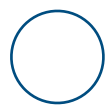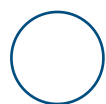
Application Release & Selection Timeline

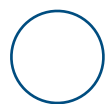*Application Release(Fill the Google Form)*
11 January, 2019

Stage 1 closure: Application Submission Deadline
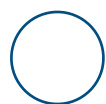6 PM - 21 January, 2019

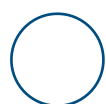*Stage 2 closure: Submission of Writing Sample Deadline*
28 January, 2019

Stage 3 closure: Final Presentation
31 January, 2019

Result Announcement
31 January, 2019

Fellowship Starting Date
4 February, 2019

About
Gati Foundation

Gati Foundation is a Dehradun based research and policy think-tank working on issues related to cities and waste. The Foundation is an ardent advocate of sustainable urbanisation practices. It's objective is to push forward the agenda of development through careful planning of micro and ground-based interventions.

The Foundation believes in a model of collaboration where it partners with like-minded organizations. Over a period of time, Gati Foundation has emerged as one of the most trusted organizations for deliberating the urban and waste challenges being faced in the mountain state of Uttarakhand.

Partnerships:

Gati Foundation is the first nation-wide partner for Janaagraha for it's Network for City Systems Reform initiative that aims to enhance the scope of urban governance in India. Janaagraha is a non-profit organization that aims to strengthen democracy in India by working for citizen participation in urban local government. It is the most well respected name in the country in the area of urban reforms and works closely with the Govt. of India.

Gati has been the Knowledge Partners for the Sweden India Smart City Platform for the state of Uttarakhand. This is an initiative of Business Sweden, the trade arm of the Govt. of Sweden in India. Gati had also signed an MoU with Indiahikes, the largest trekking company in India. It supported Indiahikes through it's signature offering, the Himalayan Environment Reporting Forum, and created environmental awareness through digital mediums.

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