

Open Position: Industrial Designer

Prakti is searching for an Industrial Designer to join its team near Pondicherry, in the Auroville area (South India).

Prakti is social enterprise that develops, manufactures, and distributes clean and efficient cook stoves. Prakti stoves help protect forests and the environment by reducing the consumption of biomass fuel for cooking. Prakti stoves also enable significant reductions of cooking fuel expenses, contributing to the economic empowerment of users. As well, Prakti stoves help protect the health of users by reducing toxic smoke compared to traditional cook stoves.

Responsibilities:

- Innovate to develop new products and refine existing products to improve aesthetics, design, ergonomics, usability, functionality, marketability, and production
- Research comparative product designs, research user needs and aspirations, produce models, rapid prototype with stakeholders along the value chain, test products
- Translate user needs, technical realities, brand qualities, and business needs into compelling product designs

Qualifications:

- Undergraduate or graduate degree in industrial design and at least 2 years of professional product design experience including interactions with mechanical engineers and manufacturers
- Passion for designing quality, appropriate products that support poverty alleviation
- Strong skills in research, sketching, modeling, rapid prototyping
- Must be self-motivated, organized, and detail-oriented. Must be able to multi-task, problem-solve, and prioritize in fast-paced, multi-disciplinary, collaborative environments
- Strong, verbal, written, visual presentation skills (proficient in Word, Excel, Powerpoint, CAD). Must be able to communicate effectively across cultures and across functions (with engineering, manufacturing, and marketing colleagues).
- Proficiency in English is a must and proficiency in Indian, Bangladeshi, and Nepali languages is preferred.
- Candidates must be able to obtain an India visa and be willing to work in India.
- Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

Email jobs@praktidesign.com your cover letter (with your dates of availability), resume, and portfolio with “Industrial Designer Application” in the subject line to apply. The deadline is **June 30, 2014** and candidates will be considered on a rolling basis. The position will start in July 2014. Please contact us if you have any questions.

