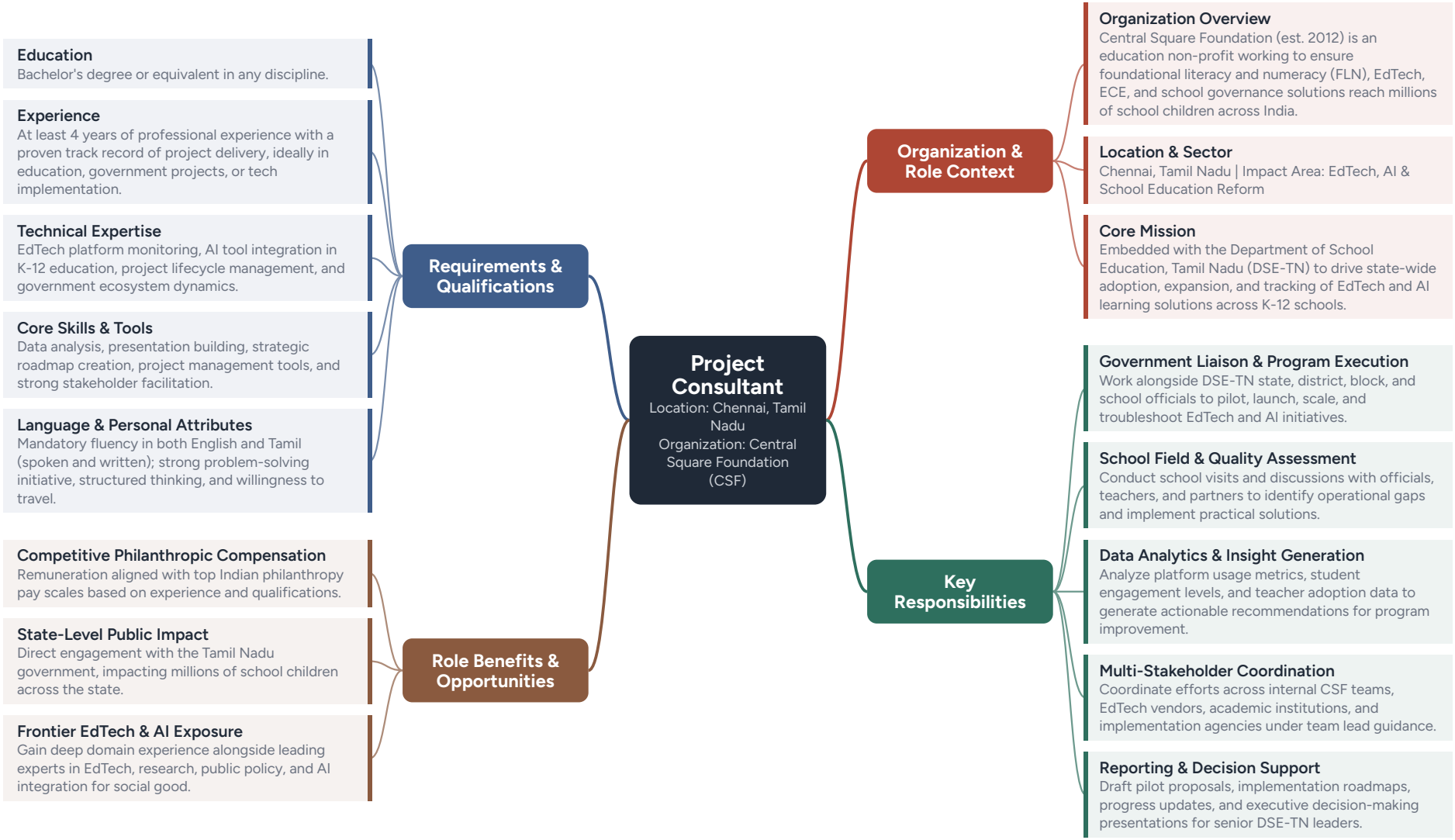
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# Project Consultant - EdTech & AI in Chennai | Central Square Foundation

Chennai, Tamil Nadu · full-time · mid level · Competitive · Closes 30 Nov 2026

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## Skills this role needs

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| Project Management | Stakeholder Engagement | Data Analysis and Reporting | Government Liaison | Report and Presentation Writing |

## Job description

### Central Square Foundation

Central Square Foundation is a non-profit started in 2012 with one goal: every child in India should get a good school education. It believes the most important step is making sure children can read and do basic maths by Class 3, because these skills help them learn everything that comes after. The foundation helps the school system take up solutions that can grow, last and work well, so every child gets a fair chance in life. It focuses on four areas: Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN), EdTech (education technology), Early Childhood Education (ECE) and School Governance. In the last five years it has worked with more than 15 EdTech organisations and more than 11 state governments, reaching 2.5 million learners. This role sits within Central Square Foundation's EdTech and AI (artificial intelligence) team, which helps build and test technology for learning in classrooms and at home, and supports governments to use it well.

### Role

The Project Consultant will work closely with the Department of School Education, Tamil Nadu (DSE-TN) to help schools from kindergarten to Class 12 adopt and run EdTech programmes. Working alongside senior and junior officers in the department, you will keep live projects on track, help start new ones, and make sure students and teachers actually use and benefit from these tools.

#### Responsibilities

- Work with state, district, block and school officials in DSE-TN to understand how programmes are going and to solve problems quickly.
- Visit schools and hold discussions with officials, teachers and partners to find gaps and suggest practical ways to strengthen EdTech work in the state.
- Support DSE-TN to plan, launch, track and expand EdTech and AI programmes, including writing pilot proposals, setting goals, building roadmaps and creating tracking systems.
- Analyse data on platform use, student engagement and teacher uptake, and turn it into clear ideas for improving adoption.
- Coordinate with Central Square Foundation teams, technology partners, academic institutions and implementation agencies to move projects forward, under the guidance of the team lead.
- Lead meetings with confidence, keep discussions focused, agree clear next steps, and represent the foundation to outside audiences.
- Prepare reports, progress updates, meeting notes and presentations that help the department make decisions.

#### Requirements

- A bachelor's degree or equivalent.
- At least 4 years of work experience with a strong record of delivering projects.
- Fluency in both English and Tamil, written and spoken, is mandatory.
- Comfort working with large data sets, analysing them and presenting findings in a way that suits each audience.
- Ability to build good working relationships with government officials at every level, EdTech vendors, donors, researchers and colleagues.
- Ability to write detailed, accurate presentations, reports and documents for different readers.
- Strong planning and organising skills, with the ability to set priorities, solve problems on your own using data, and meet deadlines.
- Based in or willing to relocate to Chennai, with readiness to travel for school visits.

### Benefits

- Pay that is competitive with Indian philanthropy pay scales, based on your experience.
- Work directly with the Tamil Nadu government on programmes that reach children across the state.
- Be part of a team with deep experience in EdTech, research and policy.
- Help shape how technology and AI support learning for India's children.

## Apply

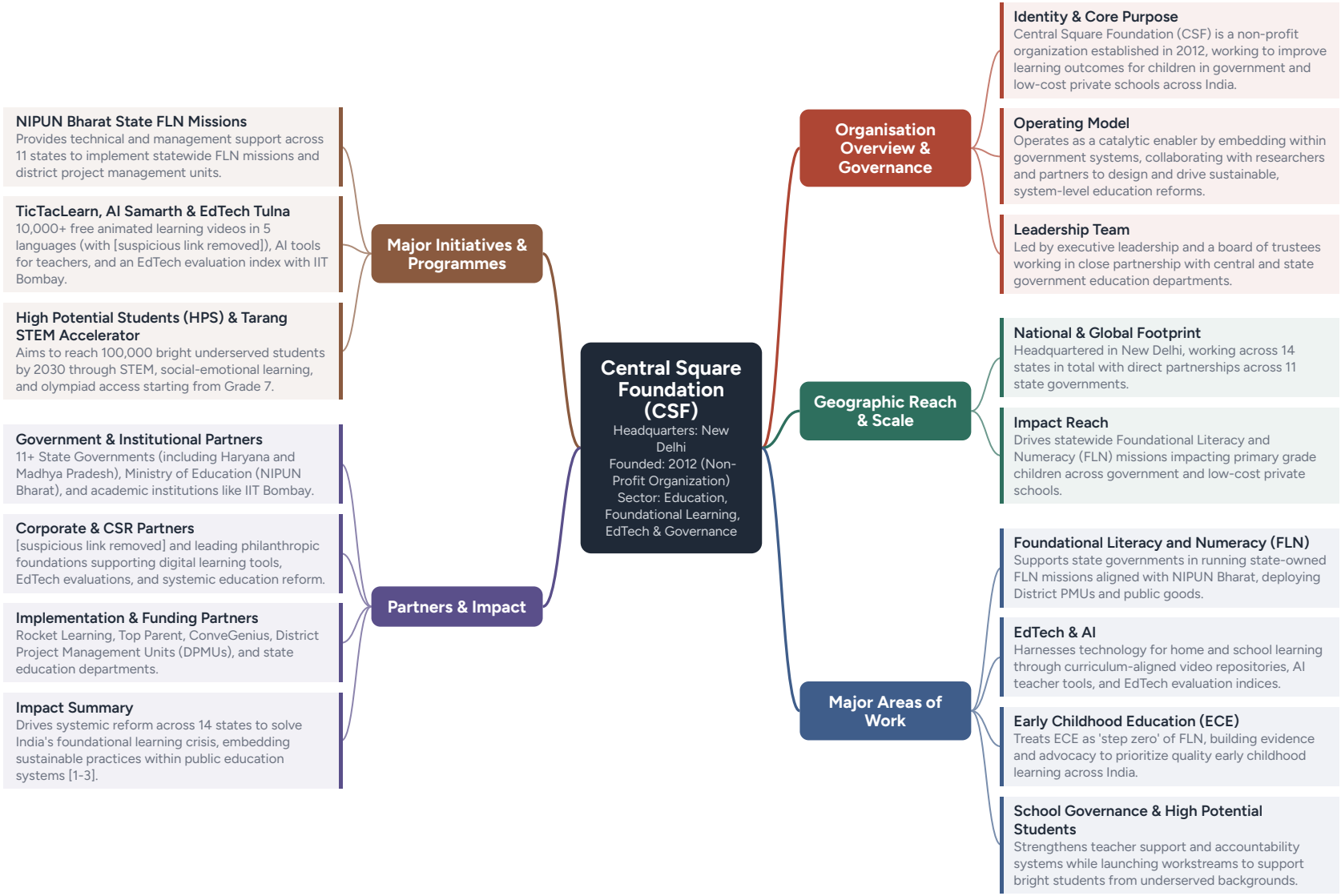
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Central Square Foundation (CSF) is a non-profit organization established in 2012, headquartered in New Delhi. It works to improve learning outcomes for children in government and low-cost private schools across India, with a focus on children from low-income backgrounds. CSF operates as a catalytic enabler not running schools directly, but working with governments, researchers, and the education ecosystem to design and drive system-level reforms that last.

Over 13 years, CSF has become one of India's most influential education policy and practice organizations, collaborating with 11 state governments on statewide Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) missions and working across 14 states in total.

India has a foundational learning crisis. According to ASER 2024, 79% of Grade 3 students in rural government schools cannot read Grade 2 text, and 72.9% cannot do Grade 2 level arithmetic. Children who miss these basics by Grade 3 rarely catch up and risk dropping out altogether. CSF believes solving this FLN by Grade 3 for every child is the single most important lever for long-term equity and growth.

#### What CSF Does

- Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN): CSF's flagship area. It supports state governments in designing and running state-owned FLN missions aligned with the national NIPUN Bharat initiative. CSF sets direction at the national level, provides technical and management support to state teams, creates public goods (tools, frameworks, resources) freely available to all practitioners, and drives district-level implementation through District Project Management Units (DPMUs). CSF has worked with 11 state governments on this.
- EdTech & AI: CSF works to harness technology for student learning, both at home and in school. Key initiatives include: TicTacLearn (10,000+ free curriculum-aligned animated videos in 5 Indian languages, created with Google.org, adopted by 10 states); AI Samarth (AI-powered tools for teachers and students); Bharat Survey for EdTech (BaSE) (a national survey to understand EdTech usage and effectiveness); EdTech Tulna (an evaluation index for EdTech solutions, built with IIT Bombay); and support to government EdTech procurement in Haryana and Madhya Pradesh. CSF also supports at-home learning tools like Rocket Learning, Top Parent, and ConveGenius.
- Early Childhood Education (ECE): CSF treats ECE as "step zero" of FLN the foundation before formal schooling. It builds evidence and advocacy for prioritizing quality, evidence-based approaches to early learning across India.
- School Governance: CSF works to build an enabling environment in both government and private schools supporting better school management, teacher support systems, and accountability structures that allow learning outcomes to improve sustainably.
- High Potential Students (HPS): Launched in 2025, this is a new workstream focused on identifying and supporting bright students from underserved backgrounds before they are left behind. India's school system has ~25 crore children, many of whom are high-potential but lack access to the right support, opportunities, or identification before Grade 10. CSF aims to reach 1,00,000 such students by 2030 through STEM and social-emotional learning programs starting from Grade 7, partnerships with model schools and states, and access to olympiads and high-growth career pathways. Tarang STEM Accelerator is a key initiative under this program.

CSF's work is evidence-led and system-focused. Every intervention is grounded in rigorous research and aims to build government ownership so that improvements outlast CSF's involvement. Rather than parallel delivery systems, CSF embeds itself within government structures and works to change how the system itself functions from curriculum design and teacher training to assessment and district management.

CSF actively hires people passionate about education reform prior education sector experience is not required. Roles span policy, research, program management, EdTech, communications, and more.

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