2016 WORLD BANK SUMMER INTERNSHIP FOR UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA-DAVIS GRADUATE STUDENT

The World Bank is a vital source of financial and technical assistance to developing countries around the world. The World Bank Group (WBG), comprised of five institutions managed by their member countries, has established two ambitious but achievable goals (by 2030), which govern its entire portfolio of operations:

1. End extreme poverty by decreasing the percentage of people living on less than $1.25 a day to no more than 3%;
2. Promote shared prosperity by fostering the income growth of the bottom 40% for every country.

Climate change is a fundamental threat to sustainable economic development and the fight against poverty. The WBG is concerned that without bold action now, our warming planet threatens to put prosperity out of reach of millions and roll back decades of development progress. The Paris Agreement, reached in December 2015 during the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), highlights the tremendous need and potential for action on climate change and provides even further impetus for the WBG to more deeply engage with countries to achieve their Nationally Determined Contributions towards mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

As a Cross-Cutting Solution Area (CCSA), the World Bank’s Climate Change Group is expected to integrate climate change across the institution’s programs, investments, and strategies. Specifically, the Climate Policy Team (GCCPT) brings together technical knowledge, analytical skills, and policy expertise to advance policies, improve investments, and facilitate financial mechanisms for low carbon and climate resilient development.

Internship Description

The graduate intern will join the Climate Change Group’s GCCPT to help deliver on this agenda, particularly focusing on adaptation/resilience and climate finance. The intern will be mentored by a selected team staff member, and together they will map out a detailed work program at the commencement of the internship. The intern will be exposed to and work with multiple team members of the GCCPT, but will be expected to come away from the internship with having delivered one main report or analysis developed over the duration of the internship. Potential projects and contributions might include:

- **Research.** Conduct guided research and/or literature reviews on frontier projects, topics of interest, and innovative issues for World Bank leadership and engagement on climate resilience, climate finance, and climate policy.
- **Portfolio reviews and analyses.** Develop and/or manage databases and perform analyses for priority projects (e.g., climate finance portfolio and pipeline assessments, engagement with other World Bank project and country teams, evaluation of [Intended] Nationally Determined Contributions, climate adaptation profiles, etc.).
- **Trainings and knowledge management.** Deliver trainings on methodologies and tools developed by the GCCPT to country clients and/or other World Bank staff, support the continued development of the Climate Change Knowledge Portal and other data/information platforms, and assist with the implementation of the GCCPT’s climate Change Knowledge Management Strategy.
- **Monitoring, evaluation, and reporting.** Support the GCCPT team in gathering and presenting information on monitoring, reporting, and evaluation to support corporate reviews and commitments, and identify good practices.
- **Other activities** related to mainstreaming climate resilience and climate policies into World Bank Group operations and strategies.
The graduate intern will also be encouraged to attend World Bank sponsored events, discussions, and presentations throughout the duration of the internship to provide further networking and enrichment opportunities.

Qualifications

- Graduate student status
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English, a second main World Bank language is desirable, but not necessary;
- Strong research, analytical, and quantitative skills;
- Demonstrated experience in climate change policy, analysis, finance, or advocacy; preferably with respect to adaptation and climate resilient development;
- Proven ability to work in a team and intercultural environment, with minimal supervision;
- Ability to deliver in a dynamic environment with multiple demands and quick turnaround of outputs;
- Familiarity with project monitoring and evaluation and results-based management;
- Results oriented, with an ability to work independently, and devise and produce results in collaboration with departments across an institution;
- Enthusiasm for, and commitment to development work;
- Basic understanding of the World Bank's project cycle a plus;
- Field experiences in developing countries a plus.

Application Process

Interested candidates should submit a resume and 1-2 page statement of interest in the internship as one combined PDF file. In your statement, you are encouraged to discuss any experiences directly relevant to the qualifications and projects outlined as well as your interest and experience in climate change and international development; particularly in the area of adaptation and resilience, climate policy, and climate finance. You may wish to describe your career interests and discuss your previous work and educational experiences demonstrating these interests.

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