GeoCenter’s Futures Analysis Team

Unpaid Internship Announcement

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) administers the United States Government’s overseas economic and humanitarian foreign assistance program. The Global Development Lab, Center for Global Solutions (CGS), works to address gaps in digital access, affordability, and advance the use of technology and data analysis. Within CGS, the GeoCenter’s Futures Team supports the application of scenario planning, trends analysis, modeling, and forecasting to improve the capacity of Missions and host countries to plan strategically over the long-term.

Duties

• Conduct a comprehensive review and synthesis of available published literature on long term (5-10 year outlook) country-specific development trends (economic, political, demographic, etc.) and their interactions for up to 5 countries;
• Craft a resulting set of high impact and high probability development scenarios based on the synthesis for each country; and,
• Identify through open sources the malign influences of designated countries that undermine US development assistance.

Selection Criteria

• US citizenship required;
• Currently enrolled in an accredited college or university;
• Preferred disciplines: International development and/or International Relations;
• Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
• Superior research skills and ability to synthesize findings; from public sources.
• Self-directed and highly motivated; and,
• Possess a general knowledge about U.S. Government agencies and USAID.

Internship Dates: Immediate start, with the possibility to extend beyond to the Fall.

The initial unpaid internship period is 2-3 months with the possibility to extend with mutual agreement to the Fall. During the summer, an intern should be able to work at least 20 hours per week for a minimum of 10 weeks. During the Fall, based on mutual agreement, the intern should be able to work full-time 30 hours per week for a minimum of 10 weeks. Specific work hours can be determined between the intern and his/her supervisor at the time of on-boarding. Interns will work from the RRB or remotely as co-determined.

Those interested in a Futures Intern position at USAID should submit the following in Word or PDF format to Steven Gale at Sgale@USAID.gov

• Resume with citizenship information below name and contact (maximum 1 page);
• Cover letter (maximum 1 page) as to why they are interested; and,
• Sample of a 3-5 page paper written by yourself that demonstrates an aptitude to synthesize a summary report on a particular topic.

The deadline to submit application package is June 25, 2019, 5PM ET.