

Research Assistant

Job Description

The Sié Center is dedicated to research and education to promote cooperative and multilateral approaches to the pressing “twin” challenges and opportunities of development and peace that the 21st Century poses. The Center supports a number of research projects on topics ranging from religion, conflict, and peacemaking in deeply divided societies to social cohesion assessment programming, and the role of the UN in fragile states.

The Center is seeking a Work Study Research Assistant (RA) to take on a variety of administrative and research responsibilities. Successful candidates will be MA students at the Korbel School, and must have work study funding. The position is for approximately 10 hours/week, at \$12/hour, over the course of the Fall and Winter Quarters, 2013-2014.

Principally, the RA will assist in administration, logistics, and data collection for a research project on “Building Infrastructures for Peace”. This research project will systematically interview and catalog lessons learned from the United Nations Peace and Development Advisors (PDAs). These UN officials typically work in conflict-affected countries right at the intersection between conflict dynamics and development challenges such as structural inequality or chronic poverty. The project is supported by the Henry Luce Foundation. The principal responsibilities are as follows:

1. Administrative support for principal investigators
2. Communication, scheduling, and planning interviews
3. Assistance in conducting 40+ interviews
4. Tracking, recording, and organizing interview data

Competencies needed for the position include the following characteristics:

1. Proactive and substantively engaged in the project themes
2. Strong verbal and written professional communication skills
3. Career focus in security, development assistance, or conflict resolution

Applications are due September 15th, 2013. Complete applications include a letter of interest, a list of references, and current curriculum vitae.

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