Chancellor College

Centre for Social Research

Centre for Social Research (CSR) Internship Programme

Introduction

Established in 1979, the CSR is a research institution based in the Faculty of Social Science at Chancellor College. It engages in academic and applied research to inform policy and offers training for capacity building. The CSR has introduced an internship programme as an integral part of implementing its strategic plan for the period between 2012 and 2016. The main objective of this internship programme is to provide experiential learning opportunities to a maximum of four recent MA graduates from recognized institutions for a period of between 6 months to one year annually. These internships are non-renewable.

Through this programme, the successful applicants will be offered customized opportunities tailored to their academic track, skills set and interests in sync with CSR's three main thematic research pillars, namely: poverty and sustainable livelihoods, social cultural dimensions of public health and democracy and governance.

The CSR now invites applications for the internship programme for the 2014/2015 academic year. The CSR intends to recruit an Intern in each of the following areas: 1) poverty and sustainable livelihoods; 2) public health; 3) democracy and governance; and 4) advanced quantitative data analysis.

Application Procedures

To be eligible, interested applicants will have to familiarize themselves with CSR's research portfolio to enable them put together a viable application package for the internship programme. This is imperative because in applying for the internship programme, prospective interns will be expected to develop a five page proposal outlining a concrete programme of work that will culminate in the publication of a working paper and a policy brief meeting internationally acceptable scholarly standards.

The proposed programme of work will have to be aligned to CSR's thematic research pillars since each intern will be assigned an academic supervisor with whom they will work closely throughout the tenure of internship. Through this arrangement, it is envisaged that CSR will create an environment for personally satisfying and meaningful internship. The interns will be engaged in a set of activities that will allow them to integrate academic theory and real world practice, engage in research that explores the relationship between the two, and develop professional skills needed for success in the twenty first Century. Thus by the end of the internship programme, the successful applicants would have gained requisite research skills including project management, proposal development, development of working papers and policy briefs.

Scope of Work

The interns will have the opportunity to assist with CSR's research and technical operations, attend seminars and conferences, and develop personal academic interests in relation to CSR's three thematic research pillars. More specifically, interns at CSR will be expected to fulfill the following tasks:

- Assist CSR staff members in conducting research which will involve compiling bibliographies and chronologies, proposal development, summarizing research materials, collecting and assembling data as well as preliminary data analysis and report writing.
- Provide administrative support to the day-to-day activities of CSR that would help it meet its objectives. Such activities include but are not limited to conference and event coordination, training field teams and coordinating attendant field logistics.
- Provide any other support to the Director and Research Fellows as needed from time to time.

The application packages containing a well motivated application letter, detailed curriculum vitae that include addresses of at least two traceable referees and a proposal for a work programme during the tenure of internship should be sent to:

The Director,
Centre for Social Research,
Chancellor College,
P.O Box 278
Zomba.
E-mail: csr@cc.ac.mw
Attention: Dr. Blessings Chinsinga

The deadline for receiving applications is 15th March 2014.