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Postdoctoral Fellow: Conflict & Local Development (Benin focus)

Organization: Center for International Development & Conflict Management (CIDCM)

Education: Ph.D.

Language Requirement: English; French is a plus

Length of Commitment: 12 months

Deadline for Applications: Preferred by December 20

Start Date: Mid-January 2023

Salary: \$55,000 to 62,000, plus benefits, flights, and a field research budget up to \$25,000

Overview:

CIDCM seeks a postdoctoral research fellow to contribute to a State Department-funded project in Benin. The project aims to reduce the threat of extremist violence in Benin by improving relationships between border police units and the communities they serve. Now entering its fifth year, the project has generated extensive data and includes ongoing intervention activities, as well as opportunities for additional community-level research. CIDCM works in close partnership with the African School of Economics (ASE) and the US embassy to generate outcomes that add value to both academic and practitioner communities. We are seeking a self-motivated individual who will be proactive in identifying research opportunities and contributing valuably to project output.

Job Description:

We view the position as a 50/50 opportunity for project-related and self-guided research. The successful candidate should anticipate generating research opportunities from existing data and also conducting an in-country study related generally to the topic of conflict and local development. Resources for the in-country study are available. The remaining 50% of the fellow's time can be devoted to self-guided research related to conflict, terrorism, and/or the political economy of development (broadly defined, and not restricted to Benin). The fellow will work in collaboration with the Principal Investigator and project management teams based in the US and Benin. The fellow's location (at CIDCM or elsewhere) can be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Requirements

Strong candidates will have the following:

- A recent Ph.D. in political science, economics, or a related field. Exceptional predoctoral candidates may be considered
- The ability to generate and implement creative research initiatives

- Exceptional analytical and strong writing skills
- The ability to work collaboratively
- Comfort/experience conducting research in a low-income country context
- A track record of publishable output
- Substantive interests in conflict, terrorism and violent extremism, political economy of development, or related areas
- French language skills are a benefit for in-country research but are not required

To apply, please submit a Letter of Inquiry describing your interest in the project, your qualifications, and a potential in-country research idea; a research/writing sample (if coauthored, please indicate the individual contribution); a CV; and the names of three potential references at this webpage:

https://umdsurvey.umd.edu/jfe/form/SV_eqwWzxqCQJTJE90