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CEGA Call for Graduate Student Writers

The Center for Effective Global Action ([CEGA](#)) is seeking Master's and PhD students with strong technical, research and writing skills to assist with the drafting, editing and reviewing of CEGA Project Descriptions.

Background: CEGA's online database of Project Descriptions is vital to increasing the visibility and impact of our affiliates' work. Project Descriptions summarize CEGA research projects for a general audience. These descriptions must be as timely, representative, and accessible as possible, in order to inform the design of evidence-based policies and programs. Please find an example of a CEGA Project Description [here](#).

Responsibilities: This Fall semester, four Graduate Student Writers (GSWs) will be tasked with drafting 500-1000 word Project Descriptions, adhering to a set of style guidelines laid out in the CEGA Project Description manual. Prior to drafting, the GSW will be expected to read any publications, grant proposals, and/or additional project materials associated with the project, and to submit an outline of the description (including the development challenge, context, evaluation strategy, and any results and policy implications) for review. GSWs will additionally be tasked with reviewing and editing Project Descriptions drafted by fellow GSWs, interns, and staff. To the extent possible, we will assign Project Descriptions to GSWs with relevant research interests and expertise.

During the course of the semester, each GSW will be asked to present one Project Descriptions in PPT form at a CEGA Learning Series (our weekly lunch seminar). The presentation may be posted on the Toolkit page of the CEGA website, as a reference for students and faculty.

Timeline: Each GSW will be expected to draft 4-6 new Project Descriptions, and edit/re-write an additional 4-6, over the course of eleven weeks (**October 7th to December 20th, 2013**). The expected time commitment is 110 hours (10 hours / week) for the semester. Each Project Description draft should take approximately 8-10 hours, and each review 4-6 hours.

Compensation: GSWs will be given a \$1,000 stipend for the semester.

Required Skills and Qualifications:

- Enrollment in a Master's or PhD program in Economics, Agriculture and Resource Economics, Public Policy, Political Science, Development Practice, or a related field at UC Berkeley;
- Completed graduate coursework in econometrics and development economics;
- Strong technical knowledge of rigorous quasi-experimental methods;
- Excellent writing skills with proven ability to write for a non-technical audience;
- Experience conducting quantitative research in a developing country (preferred);
- Familiarity with the work of CEGA affiliates (preferred).



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How to Apply: Interested candidates should submit an application via email to Carson Christiano at christiano@berkeley.edu, with the subject line "CEGA GSW Application - [Last Name, First Name]", by **midnight PDT on Monday, September 30th, 2013**. Please include the following *in a single attachment* in an email:

- A short expression of interest specifying your research area(s) of interest/expertise;
- An up-to-date CV; and
- A 1-2 page writing sample that highlights your ability to translate research results for a non-academic audience.