

VIRGINIA TECH
INSTITUTE FOR SOCIETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT (ISCE)
GLOBAL ISSUES INITIATIVE (GII)

Part-Time Research Employment
Application Deadline: October 1, 2012

The Global Issues Initiative (GII) of Virginia Tech's Institute for Society, Culture and Environment (ISCE) seeks one or more part-time Research Fellows to undertake employee-designed projects directed toward international policy questions in the area of trade and economic integration faced by the United States at the bilateral, regional or multilateral level. The research to be undertaken should align with the current research thrusts of GII and should have strong potential for significant future support from government agencies, corporations, industrial consortia, or foundations. It is expected that projects will result in at least one publication (journal article; book chapter) and ultimately position the employee and GII to seek external funds to further research and scholarship in this area.

Description of the Institute

The mission of the ISCE is to foster a creative, interactive, multidisciplinary structure for socially significant research and creative efforts in the social sciences, humanities, and arts at Virginia Tech. The GII is one ISCE's five research and scholarship areas. The other areas are human development and social/behavioral health, rhetoric; representation and public humanities; social complexity and individual risk; and community arts, built environments and urban formations. Further information about GII and the institute is available at <http://www.gii.ncr.vt.edu/>.

Eligibility

Proposals for part-time employment to undertake a defined research project in the area of international trade and economic integration are welcome from applicants holding a Ph.D. in economics, agricultural economics or a related field with three or more years of previous post-doctorate experience. Applicants must be eligible for part-time employment at Virginia Tech effective no later than January 10, 2013.

Terms of Employment

ISCE-GII anticipates employing one or two successful applicants for durations of 12-18 months to undertake the research project proposed in their application. Funding for each project (including employee salary) will be between \$15,000 and \$50,000. Examples of appropriate uses of funds in addition to the employee's compensation include (but are not limited to) data acquisition, domestic or international travel, and other research expenses. GII offices are located at the new Virginia Tech Research Center in Arlington. The Arlington Center provides ready access to many resources in Washington DC.

Application Guidelines

Applications must include a project narrative of up to six pages addressing the following:

1. Description of the proposed research including a problem statement, brief review of relevant existing studies, study hypotheses or research questions, research/study design, sources of data, and implications for policy development/change.

2. Specific work plan for the period of employment, including planned time commitment, milestones and timeline
3. Itemized budget and justification for non-salary expenses. Salary will be determined commensurate with scope of the project and applicant's qualifications.
4. Brief resume of the applicant

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Applications are currently being accepted for positions to begin by January 10, 2013.

Applications are to be prepared single-spaced using 1-inch margins. Submit an e-copy of the complete application to Professor David Orden, GII Director, orden@vt.edu, by **5:00 p.m. October 1, 2012**.

Review Process and Notification of Awards

Applications will be evaluated by as three-member panel. Finalists may be asked to meet with the review panel for a brief interview about the project.

Selection decisions will be made by November 15, 2012.

Questions

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