

Position Announcement: 2011 Summer Internship

Project: Qualitative Analysis of Terrorism-Related Border Crossings in the United States

Compensation: \$4500 stipend (*paid in bi-weekly installments*)

The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) is now hiring a graduate student or exceptional undergraduate to work at START's headquarters at the University of Maryland, College Park. This is a full-time internship lasting 10 weeks (starting May 31, 2011), with the intern working 40 hours/week at START.

As part of a broader study examining the role of border crossings in terrorist activity in the United States, this internship involves in-depth research and qualitative analysis on one or two specific cases in which the perpetrators of a terrorist attack or a prevented terrorist attack crossed a U.S. border either before or after the attack.

Responsibilities:

The intern will assist with the collection of source materials including relevant media reports, court files, police records, government reports, materials from involved ports of entry, and transcripts of interviews with parties relevant to the case. The intern will also assist with the analysis of source materials and the generation of a report that describes the border crossing event in detail, with particular attention to how it relates to the commission or attempted commission of the terrorist attack and the decision-making of both perpetrators and border officials. With feedback from senior START researchers, it is expected that the intern will produce a draft case study using information gained from these source materials by the end of the 10-week internship.

Qualifications:

- Coursework in research methods and familiarity with case studies
- Coursework and/or research experience related to terrorism and political violence
- Outstanding organization and writing skills
- *Preferred:* Applied research experience (e.g. internship, relevant coursework) using systematic qualitative analytical techniques

Qualified applicants should submit a cover letter and resumé via email (with subject line "Border Crossing- Summer Internship") to gtd@start.umd.edu. Please include contact information for two professional references.

Applicants will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Candidates are encouraged to apply by May 13, 2011, for best consideration.

Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. The University of Maryland is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer.