International Development Internships

RTI’s Center for Governance and Economic Growth (CGEG) is offering two internship positions focused on international economic development for the 2009 fall semester, and with possibilities of extension through May 2010.

The program is open to undergraduate and graduate-level students and typically seeks candidates in the fields of economics, private sector development, sustainable business, finance, public policy, urban planning, as well as other related fields. Eligible candidates must be enrolled in a full-time study program at an accredited university. Working on varied research-related projects, interns:

- Gain practical work experience with a leading organization in international development
- Become familiar with a variety of economic development programs and issues
- Contribute to technical assistance projects throughout the world
- Prepare reports, case studies, and presentations on economic development issues, trends, and strategic business planning

The positions will be based at RTI Headquarters in the Research Triangle Park, NC. Semester internship positions are part time, requiring 15-20 hours per week. RTI pays an hourly salary to paid interns and, where applicable, supports business travel costs and expenses. RTI does not reimburse interns for relocation costs.

Applicants should have:

- Excellent writing and organizational skills
- Ability to work independently
- Familiarity with research and reporting methods
- General knowledge of economic development programs and issues
- Willingness to work in team environment
- Flexibility and desire to work on varying projects

Fluency in English is required, and comprehension of an additional language, such as Spanish, French, Russian, and/or Arabic, is highly preferred. Prior experience studying, working, or traveling in developing countries is considered advantageous.

To apply, send a cover letter stating interest and availability, a resume, and a brief writing sample (no more than 10 pages) by email to Tara Frankstone (tfrankstone@rti.org). Fall Semester internship applications must be submitted by October 1. RTI will review resumes as they arrive and schedule interviews when appropriate. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.