

DRC Migration, Globalisation and Poverty ISSER, ACCRA, GHANA 2008/2009

The University of Sussex, Brighton, has a strong experience of research on migration bringing together a large number of academics working on migration issues (from both an academic and more policy oriented perspective) from a range of social science disciplines. This work is mainly carried out through the Sussex Centre for Migration Research and the Development Research Centre on Migration, Globalisation and Poverty (Migration DRC). The Institute for Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), of the University Ghana in Accra, one of the participating institutions in the Migration DRC, is now seeking an intern to assist with various kinds of research support activities. This self-funded internship will be tenable *for three to five months from January 2009*.

Activities

This internship is to provide support to the Migration DRC on a project which aims to identify unexploited research findings on migration in and from Ghana. A first short period would be spent in Sussex accessing Europe based sources, but most of the time would be spent in Ghana. The work would include travel to Tamale to explore outputs from studies from the University of Tamale. Output of the project would be a report summarising what material is available and its content.

Role of the Intern

To carry out a literature and data search, review and summarise unpublished or difficult to access sources. To work as an intern at ISSER in Ghana. To work partly on wider activities related to DRC Migration Studies.

The intern will need to have experience in the following:

- Knowledge of migration issues
- Good writing and communication skills
- Use internet sources and other sources to explore unpublished or difficult to access sources on internal and cross border migration in Ghana, especially North- South migration, to augment what is known from published research.
- Search key outputs and secondary outputs using specific and relevant key words.
- Source relevant information and writing accompanying summaries
- Working as a team
- Report writing
- Independent travel in Africa

The intern will report to:

Professor Ann Whitehead, DRC, Sussex
Professor John Anarfi, ISSER

Own Research

Interns will also have the opportunity to spend a small portion of their time each week carrying out their own research. There will be some supervisory support available for this. It would be useful to have a 1-2 page summary of secondary research or writing-up you might want to pursue while working as an intern.

Intern Profile

Applicants must be current or recent postgraduates, registered on a relevant MA course or a recent graduate with a good degree in a social science or other relevant discipline (e.g. law). The applicants must have strong organisational and/or policy skills and will contribute to the capacity of SCMR. The candidate will need IT skills but not specialist technical knowledge.

Funding

Interns are self-funded, however the Migration DRC will support any expenses incurred as a result of research for the centre.

Please also see details of some educational trusts and grant-makers who you might approach to obtain funding for your internship.

If you would like to apply, please send an electronic copy of your Curriculum Vitae as well as a covering letter stating your interests, why you would like to be considered for an internship at the Migration DRC and how much time you could commit to (i.e. 3 to 6 months), to: Christina Oelgemoller at migration@sussex.ac.uk by 31 October 2008.