

Research Internship Opportunities 2009:

The Dubai School of Government offers internships and research assistantships to undergraduate and graduate students interested in social science research and public policy. Research internships are particularly suited to students with a background in the social sciences, including economics, political science, sociology, international relations, psychology, gender and women's studies, information systems and public administration. DSG internships provide students with the opportunity to work with faculty on a variety of cutting edge topics and gain valuable research experience necessary for pursuing graduate studies in the social sciences or a career in public policy.

Why be a researcher at DSG?

Interns and research assistants can expect to work closely with DSG faculty who will offer guidance, mentorship and the opportunity to work on topics as varied as e-government, women and leadership, economics, public administration among others.

Students looking to pursue post-graduate degrees will benefit from gaining analytical and research skills which are pre-requisites for many Masters and PhD programs. DSG faculty can advise students about graduate programs, both in the UAE and abroad and assist in the application process. Moreover, through DSG's collaborative work with institutions such as the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, research assistants can expect to gain an international perspective on research and academic institutions and work on innovative and multidisciplinary projects.

As a member of the DSG team, interns and research assistants will have an opportunity to interact and network with local, regional and international academics and policymakers. DSG also hosts a research seminar series, which has hosted renown figures, such as: H.E. Ms. Amat Al Alim Al Soswa, the Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations at the United Nations Development Program; Francis Fukuyama, the Bernard L. Schwartz, Professor of International Political Economy at Johns Hopkins University and Director of SAIS International Development Program; Stephen Walt, Harvard University and John Mearsheimer, University of Chicago.

For research assistants who display an outstanding ability to conduct research, the assistantship could lead to a **full- time offer of employment** and the start of a rewarding career at the Dubai School of Government.

Internship and research assistantship requirements:

- Students should be enrolled at an accredited university
- Maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Fluent in English and Arabic and proficient in writing and typing in both languages
- Serious intention to pursue graduate studies or a PhD
- Good interpersonal and communication skills
- Working knowledge of statistical software
- Preferably from the UAE and GCC (but not exclusively)

Job description:

- Paid internships and research assistantship opportunities are offered in the following areas: E-government, Youth, Public Administration , Gender and Public Policy (Please visit our website for more details on each initiative: www.dsg.ae)
- Full-time research assistants are expected to work 20 hours a week for a period of 12 weeks. In addition, part-time research assistantships could be arranged with individual faculty members

Interns and research assistants should expect to:

- Attend and conduct interviews and focus groups
- Administer questionnaires
- Transcribe interviews and analyze qualitative data
- Receive training on Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) to input quantitative data and conduct data analysis
- Conduct literature review of relevant research area

To apply:

- Send us an e-mail to sahar.jawad@dsg.ae requesting an internship, and attach a copy of your CV and contact information, with one reference letter
- Successful applicants will be contacted for an interview

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