



MSc Graduate Research Assistant Fellowships for Tanzanian Nationals

The Department of Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology at the University of Alberta (Edmonton, Canada) seeks applicants for two Graduate Research Assistant Fellowships to study the behavioral effects and development outcomes of Empowered World View. Applicants must be nationals of Tanzania and ready to start a two-year Masters of Science Program in Agricultural and Resource Economics, Environmental Sociology, or Risk and Community Resilience in September 2021.

Empowered World View is a holistic approach to rural development that has been developed by World Vision to build common purpose, positive mindset, and self-efficacy of rural communities, toward the ultimate objective of sustained improvements in the well-being of children. World Vision Tanzania originated Empowered World View and has entered into a partnership with the University of Alberta and Ifakara Health Institute (Dar es Salaam) to rigorously assess the Empowered World View approach in Iringa and Kigoma regions of Tanzania.

The University of Alberta now seeks two Tanzanian Nationals to join the team as MSc students. These exciting research opportunities are at the forefront of development studies. The students will have access to an excellent panel data set of over 2500 individuals and households and a database of over 500 interview and focus group transcripts. We expect that one student will focus on the quantitative data produced by this project and one student will focus on the qualitative data. Applicants should indicate which of the two positions is of greatest interest to them.

The successful applicants will receive a Graduate Research Assistant Fellowship, air transport between Tanzania and Edmonton, Canada, and support for field research activities in Iringa and / or Kigoma. The successful applicants will benefit from supervision from expert professors at the University of Alberta, and collegial relations with World Vision Tanzania and Ifakara Health Institute.

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of a 4-year undergraduate degree in a related area, GPA of 3.0/4.0 in the last 2 years of post-secondary study, intermediate theory, research methods, and courses in applied economics or sociology. Experience with project evaluation studies is desirable but not essential.

Potential applicants should review the program requirements at www.ualberta.ca/resource-economics-environmental-sociology/index.html and contact Dr. Brent Swallow (brent.swallow@ualberta.ca) for more information as soon as possible. The deadline for initial applications is 30 November 2020. Complete graduate school applications (including original transcripts and reference letters) must be submitted by 1 February 2021.

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