



Research and Policy Intern
Summer 2014 Unpaid Internship
35 Hours/Week

Landesa: Grounded in the knowledge that having legal rights to land is a foundation for prosperity and opportunity, Landesa partners with governments and local organizations to create laws, policies, and programs that provide secure land rights for the world's poorest. Founded as the Rural Development Institute in 1967, Landesa has helped more than 100 million poor families gain legal control over their land.

Landesa places special emphasis on establishing and protecting land rights for women and inheritance rights for girls to improve family welfare, nutrition, and productivity. With secure land rights, families can eat better, earn more, educate their children, practice conservation, and achieve dignity for generations. For additional information, visit the Landesa website at www.landesa.org.

Summary: The Landesa Internship Program is part of Landesa's broader efforts to increase the number of professionals who work on and/or have an understanding of land rights, whether in the land rights field specifically, the wider development community, the government sector, or elsewhere. The Research and Policy Intern will have the opportunity to increase his/her understanding of Landesa's strategies and methodologies by attending project and staff meetings. He/she will also take part in periodic Q&A sessions with Landesa's land tenure experts, who can speak to land rights issues, specific projects, and careers in the international development field. Upon completing the internship at Landesa, the Research and Policy Intern will be invited to join an alumni network comprised of previous interns and fellows.

The Research and Policy Intern supports the design and implementation of gender-sensitive and nuanced research, monitoring and evaluation activities to expand knowledge and test innovative approaches for strengthening the rural poor's access and rights to land. The Research and Policy Intern reports to the Director of Research, Monitoring and Evaluation (RME) and will work in close collaboration with Landesa's researchers. The position is ideal for a candidates interested in gender-sensitive and international, applied quantitative and qualitative research.

Essential Functions:

The Research and Policy Intern will be responsible for supporting Landesa's Research, Monitoring and Evaluation team by carrying out a wide range of land-related activities such as:

- Assisting with the design and testing of research, monitoring, and evaluation tools
- Designing databases, supervising data entry, and cleaning data
- Analyzing primary and secondary quantitative and qualitative data using software such as Stata, SPSS, and Nvivo
- Helping produce clear, compelling, and methodologically robust reports, journal articles, policy briefs, slide presentations, and other ways of making research, monitoring, and evaluation results available and accessible to Landesa audiences

Education and Experience:

- At least one year of graduate study in Economics, Agricultural Economics, Applied Economics, Sociology, Natural Resources Economics, or closely related field
- Strong foundation in statistical methods
- Experience carrying out gender-sensitive work preferred

Skills and Qualities:

- Passion for work that seeks to alleviate poverty and foster social justice
- Commitment to Landesa's core values of impact, respect, collaboration, dedication and learning
- Superior ability to communicate well in writing, orally, and non-verbally
- Strong foundation in statistical methods and analysis of quantitative data
- Ability and commitment to apply a gender-sensitive approach in his or her work
- Self-motivated and able to set and meet goals
- Strong conceptual and analytical skills
- Ability to work effectively with a team, regardless of role within team and to proactively seek ways to contribute to the team's success
- Rigorous attention to detail
- Flexibility and ability to work simultaneously on multiple projects
- Experience working with Stata, SPSS, and Nvivo preferred

If Interested: Send resume, cover letter, and writing sample to intenships@landesa.org no later than March 21st, 2014. Please include "Research and Policy Intern" in the subject line.