

ISR Traineeship Opportunity

Predocctoral Traineeship in Partnerships for International Research and Education

The National Science Foundation is sponsoring the University of Michigan Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE). This new research program is an interdisciplinary and collaborative comparison of two long-standing projects in population and environment, one in rural Nepal and the other in rural China. The traineeship will feature training in either natural science research methods for social scientists, or social science research methods for natural scientists.

This traineeship offers exceptional opportunities for collaboration with faculty and staff from five major U.S. universities, as well as researchers and trainees from Nepal and China. The Trainee will be engaged in independent research and will develop a specific research plan in their subject of interest for either Chitwan, Nepal or Wolong, China, under the mentoring of faculty from the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Arizona State University, San Diego State University, and University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The Trainee will have the opportunity to travel to the Nepal site. Prior to departure, the Trainee will receive training in the U.S. covering the basic language skills and the research methods and tools needed for the project, as well as training upon arrival in Nepal. Stipend is commensurate with experience, based on levels mandated by NSF. Travel to the Nepal site will be covered.

The traineeship will span 12 months, beginning September 1, 2008, with a possibility of renewal depending on availability of funds and performance of trainee. Applicants for the traineeship must have reached doctoral candidacy in demography, sociology, anthropology, economics, ecology, geography or a related discipline and must have completed at least two years of the program. Applicants should have a strong interest in population and environment research, international collaboration, and a willingness to explore interdisciplinary research. Applicants with a background in environmental science are especially encouraged to apply.

Preference will be given to candidates who are citizens (or Permanent Residents) of the United States at the time of application. Please send a transcript, a letter of application, and curriculum vitae to Elyse Jennings (psc-pire@umich.edu) with the subject line reading "PIRE Application" by April 15, 2008. Include the names and contact information for three references. For information on project field sites in Nepal and China, see <http://www.csis.msu.edu/home.htm> and <http://perl.psc.isr.umich.edu/>. A brief project abstract is also available on our website <http://pire.psc.isr.umich.edu/>. An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.