Prof. Nunn
The position would be helping Professor Nunn research political economy and development in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The initial term is 2 months and Professor Nunn is looking for candidates who can work full time and travel to the DRC. The attached a PDF from Nathan has further details about the role and how to apply.

Country: Democratic Republic of the Congo

Education: Bachelor's or Master's

Start Date (Earliest): 15 June 2022

Language Requirement:

- French
- English

Length of Commitment: Two months

Overview:

We are looking for qualified applications for the position of Research Intern to work on research projects in development economics and political economy in Gemena, Democratic Republic of Congo. This is an opportunity to gain field research experience in development economics and political economy, including experience managing large-scale randomized controlled trials. You will also acquire management and analytical skills in this role. The position will require significant commitment and long hours in a poor, remote setting.

This 2-month position will be based in Gemena, DRC. You will chiefly report to Sara Lowes (Assistant Professor, University of California San Diego). You will also interface with Nathan Nunn (Professor of Economics, Harvard/UBC), James Robinson (University Professor, University of Chicago), and Eduardo Montero (Assistant Professor, University of Chicago).

Project description:

The Research Intern will work on several ongoing research projects, including but not limited to the following topics: (i) how social structures affect accountability of local leaders; (ii) the effects of traditional supernatural beliefs on pro-social behavior (iii) the effects of traditional beliefs on local political authority.

Responsibilities of the Research Intern:

Managing a team of enumerators, including trainings (in French)

- Preparing and managing survey instruments and other project materials

- Cleaning and managing project data with Stata
- Working closely with local implementation partners
- Managing the finances of the research site

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in economics or a related field
- Good quantitative skills and experience with Stata
- Excellent management and organizational skills
- Outstanding interpersonal and communication skills
- Fluency in French required (native speaker or advanced fluency)
- Being detail oriented and able to work independently
- Familiarity with randomized evaluations and econometric methods preferred
- Experience living in a developing country preferred

Duration: approximately July 1, 2022 – September 1, 2022.

Primary supervisor: Sara Lowes (Assistant Professor of Economics, University of California San Diego),

Secondary supervisor: Nathan Nunn (Professor of Economics, Harvard), James Robinson (University Professor, University of Chicago), and Eduardo Montero (Assistant Professor, University of Chicago).

If you are interested in applying, please send a CV and a brief cover letter to Sara Lowes, slowes@ucsd.edu with the email subject line "DRC Intern 2022".