



Monitoring and Evaluation Support Activity (MEASURE-BiH)

Center of Excellence in Program Evaluation and Social Science Research

Call for Research Fellows

USAID/BiH Monitoring and Evaluation Support Activity (MEASURE-BiH), a five-year program sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), provides USAID/BiH Mission with technical, analytical, advisory, training, monitoring, evaluation and related support services. MEASURE-BiH contributes to the evidence base of what works to improve a range of social economic outcomes in BiH context and commits to develop sustainable local capacity to conduct high quality independent evaluations and other social science studies for BiH Governments, private sector businesses, and international donors such as USAID/BiH.

Through partnership with the George Washington University and Michigan State University, MEASURE-BiH establishes the Center of Excellence in Program Evaluation and Social Science Research to foster a culture of data-driven, results-oriented decision-making in BiH. The Center of Excellence will help develop this new culture as well as a new cadre of social science and program evaluation researchers and political leaders.

MEASURE-BiH is currently accepting applications for Research Fellows from prospective social science and program evaluation researchers for the first cycle of the program. Selected Research Fellows will be eligible to participate in MEASURE-BiH evaluation training program that consists of week-long short courses taught by Professors from leading U.S. universities and experienced public policy and program evaluation analysts throughout the years. Upon successful completion of the training program, Research Fellows will be awarded the Certificate in Evaluation Practice issued by The George Washington University/The Evaluators' Institute. Moreover, Research Fellows will be eligible to participate actively in MEASURE-BiH social science research and program evaluation tasks.

If selected, MEASURE-BiH Research Fellows will receive travel expenses, accommodation, and food for all the MEASURE-BiH short courses offered throughout the country. We are looking for researchers with experience or interests implementing program evaluations in BiH or other European countries. Selected Research Fellows will have the opportunity to be part of a rapidly growing team of MEASURE-BiH evaluation researchers who are passionate about program evaluation and helping to achieve better development outcomes.

The ideal Research Fellows will have strong analytic and quantitative/qualitative research skills and be able to design rigorous evaluations of development programs, conduct analyses, write reports, and present findings to policy and research audiences. MEASURE-BiH Center of

Excellence in Program Evaluation and Social Science Research also provides extensive support for researchers' engagement in professional activities including journal publications and conference participation. Candidates should enjoy working in a collaborative environment that emphasizes quality, rigor, critical thinking, teamwork, and professional development. Excellent written and oral communication skills are essential.

Illustrative Eligibility Requirements

- Master's degree or equivalent in economics, public policy, psychology, sociology, or a related social science
- Experience or Master's level coursework in quantitative and qualitative research methods
- Experience working closely with local stakeholders, implementers, and data collection firms, and collaborating and communicating effectively with a wide range of professionals and cultures
- Highly motivated and self-directed, with strong interpersonal skills
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English, and the ability to convey complex technical issues to a broad and diverse audience.

For more information about the Research Fellow program of MEASURE-BiH Center of Excellence in Program Evaluation and Social Science Research, please contact MEASURE-BiH Capacity Building Specialist Edis Brkic (ebrkic@measurebih.com) at 033-941-673.

Applications containing Cover Letter, CV, and two (2) writing samples, should sent to Edis Brkic (email address as above) no later than June 1, 2015.