

Graduate internship – IMPACT EVALUATION IN LATIN AMERICA – CAF

The Impact Evaluation and Policy Learning Unit (DEIAP) at CAF – Development Bank of Latin-America is looking for a graduate student to participate in a full-time paid internship for two months during the summer break (from June to September 2017).

The intern will enjoy the opportunity of working and learning in a leading institution in Latin-America, while being part of a high-performing professional team committed to improving public policies in Latin-America.

We expect the intern to become familiar with technical impact evaluation tools, as well as practical knowledge in negotiation and project management that will improve his ability to become a leader that advances public policies of the highest quality possible.

About CAF

CAF is a development bank created in 1970, owned by 19 countries - 17 of Latin America and the Caribbean, Spain and Portugal- as well as 14 private banks in the region. It promotes a sustainable development model through credit operations, non-reimbursable resources, and support in the technical and financial structuring of projects in the public and private sectors of Latin America. With headquarters in Caracas, Venezuela, CAF has offices in Buenos Aires, La Paz, Brasilia, Bogota, Quito, Madrid, Mexico D.F, Panama City, Asuncion, Lima, Montevideo and Port of Spain.

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About DEIAP

DEIAP uses impact evaluations to promote a learning process both for public policies as well as for public management initiatives, regardless of there being a CAF financial product associated to the project. Our mission is to help public initiatives to leave a deeper knowledge footprint that will ultimately help increase the weight of credible evidence in the public sector's decision making process.

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Goals of the internship

Our goal is to offer the chance to a graduate student interested in development, to be part of a high-quality team of professionals that uses impact evaluation as a tool to improve public policies in Latin-America.

The intern will be a full member of the team and as such we expect him to participate actively in all our activities. In particular, during the two-months-internship, the person selected will co-lead an impact evaluation project (jointly with another member of the team). His responsibilities will include leading the effort to negotiate with our client(s) a rigorous experimental design, ensuring that all technical requirements are met and coordinating all the necessary activities to effectively conduct the evaluation (if this happens during the internship period). Likewise, as a member of the

team, we expect the intern to collaborate actively and as needed in other strategic activities organized during his two-month stay. This includes evaluations lead by other team members, as well as [SEMIDE](#) (our Impact Evaluation Seminar), communication and outreach efforts and [call-for-evaluations](#) in Latin America.

Additionally, we believe the internship may provide a rich experience for the student to start-off a dissertation thesis (or research paper), should this be a requirement for graduation or should the student be interested in doing so on his own account. To this end, DEIAP will kindly contribute with knowledge resources from our team (and other associate members) even beyond the duration of the internship.

Activities

During the internship the intern will act as an impact evaluation account executive with the following responsibilities:

- *Manage an impact evaluation project.* Depending on the specific project, the intern will have to do all or part of the following activities: meetings with the client(s) to discuss, propose, present potential experimental designs, power calculations, devising an experimental design (with support from the team as well as our academic advisors), design surveys, hire consultants (if necessary), etc. This activity may imply a trip abroad to meet with the client(s) that will be fully covered by DEIAP.
- *Participate in other projects as a consultant.* We expect the intern to support other members of the team in other impact evaluation projects as needed and feasible.
- *Collaborate actively in other strategic projects.* During the year DEIAP organizes and implements several different initiatives to spread the message that impact evaluations are a central public policy tool. We expect the intern to participate actively in, at least, one of these initiatives. These may include: [SEMIDE 2017](#), [International Call-For-Evaluations 2017](#), communication products, conceptualization and design of our site, among others.

Duration of the internship

Two months, full time.

Requirements

Interested persons should:

- Be currently pursuing a master's degree in one of the following areas: public policy, public government, management or administration, economics, applied economics, development, planning and other related areas.
- Have professional proficiency both in Spanish and English.
- Advanced knowledge of Excel and/or Stata.
- Be proactive, work independently, and be able to make decisions autonomously.

Conditions and compensation

- The intern will receive a monthly stipend of USD 1,000 (for a total of USD 2,000 for two months).
- CAF (DEIAP) will cover an Economy Class roundtrip airfare from the intern's city of residence to Caracas.
- The intern is responsible for arranging his room and board. DEIAP will assist in finding accommodation, arranging transportation to/from the airport as well as in any other requirement the intern may have during his days in Caracas.
- The internship will be based in Caracas, Venezuela.

Selection process:

- The application process will be open until February 28th. Interested persons should fill an application form [here](#), and send their CVs to impact@caf.com.
- Applicants may be contacted to arrange a phone interview.
- Final results will be available around March 31st, 2017.
- The internship should start between June 1st and August 1st, 2017.

Important dates:

- **Deadline to apply:** February 28th, 2017.
- **Final results:** March 30th, 2017.
- **Starting and finishing dates:** the internship will last two months, so the specific dates will be agreed upon between the student and CAF. In any case, it should start no later than August 1st, 2017.

For more information write to impact@caf.com