

Terms of Reference for Predoctoral Fellow

Job Title:	Pre-doctoral fellow		
Division/Department:	SPIA (Standing Panel on Impact Assessment) of CGIAR		
Location:	To be decided. Preferably Paris.		
Expected Start Date of Assignment:	Summer/Fall 2020	Duration:	1 year (renewable)
Deadline for applications:	Review of applications will start July 6 th 2020 and until the position is filled		
Reports to:	Prof. Karen Macours, Paris School of Economics and SPIA Chair		

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED

We seek a highly skilled and motivated individual for our full-time Pre-doctoral Research Fellows position. The position will entail close collaboration and assistance to Professor Karen Macours, Paris School of Economics and Chair of [SPIA](#), Standing Panel on Impact Assessment of CGIAR. This is a one-year position with the possibility of renewal for a second year, starting in the Summer or early Fall of 2020. The position involves responsibilities that serve as excellent preparation for Ph.D. programs in economics, including data processing and analysis, survey design, literature reviews, and presentations.

In particular, the tasks are to be focused on the following activities:

- Provide scientific and technical analysis in support of the planning, implementation and monitoring of the SPIA workplan
- Provide general research support to Prof. Macours, including data collection and analysis; preparation of presentation materials; support with manuscript preparation; etc.
- Conduct literature reviews and other background analysis to support design of calls for expressions of interest/proposals
- Read and critique completed impact studies and impact study designs, as part of support to development of CGIAR impact assessment guidance document
- Draft /co-authoring blog posts or other commentaries related to impact assessments
- Engage with the [broader SPIA team](#)
- Interact with the CGIAR Impact Assessment Community of Practice

The position will be based in Paris (to be confirmed), and the successful candidate will be able to participate in academic life at the Paris School of Economics, including the ability to attend research seminars. The pre-doctoral fellow will work close with SPIA academic panel members, researchers from SPIAs national data systems team, and the CGIAR advisory services shared secretariat. The position may also involve travel and fieldwork in support of SPIA-funded projects in the field and/or for the design & scoping of impact assessment opportunities, including in sub-Saharan Africa and other developing regions (conditions permitting, including the future course of the pandemic). The person hired in this position will also be invited to take part in face-to-face meetings of SPIA. Attendance at these meetings might involve international travel the costs of which would be paid for by SPIA.

REQUIRED COMPETENCIES

- At least 1 year of graduate course work (Master or PhD) in economics or a closely related field completed
- Excellent written English
- An interest in agriculture in developing countries, including agricultural innovations
- Strong quantitative skills, including experience with data analysis and econometrics
- Knowledge of impact assessment

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should submit a CV, a cover letter, and a writing sample (preferably a paper showing some original analytic work or literature review) to Ira Vater (spia@cgiar.org) and Karen Macours (karen.macours@psemail.eu). The cover letter should provide some indication of interests in (and knowledge of) agriculture and/or impact assessment.