



PUBLIC FELLOWS PROGRAM

Job Title:	Policy and Research Advisor
Organization:	Oxfam America
Department/Office:	Research Unit, Policy and Research Department
Location:	Washington, DC
Stipend:	\$65,000 per year with health insurance for fellow
Start Date:	July 2, 2012

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

Oxfam is a confederation of 15 affiliate organizations globally with a core mission to support lasting solutions to poverty and injustice. Oxfam takes a partner-based, rights-based approach to this work through humanitarian assistance, long term development programs, policy advocacy and campaigning. Oxfam wants to engage in the debates on re-visioning the role and treatment of economic growth in the wake of the global economic crisis by offering fresh thinking on the challenges surrounding progress, poverty and inequality today. Turning to the past to draw lessons and inspiration seems apropos and yet far too often neglected in Washington- and Wall St. -driven policy discussions. Oxfam believes turning to the past to reflect on historical moments of deep socio-economic crisis in terms of how the crisis arose/evolved, reflecting on the material and socio-political conditions surrounding it and which lead to or enable particular responses and how they play out would be useful and a fresh approach in the Washington context.

Oxfam believes that public policy advocacy and issue campaigning require a solid research and analysis base upon which to build the public policy reforms and calls for change for which the organization advocates. The policy and research advisor will work within the Research Unit and closely with policy advisors and advocates to provide the needed research, analysis and relationships.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Oxfam seeks an experienced researcher to assist in understanding the evolution of deep socio-economic crisis and the outcomes of responses by reviewing and drawing lessons from the past. The Policy and Research Advisor will work to ground Oxfam's efforts to propose policy reforms, addressing the current global economic recession and trends in rising inequality, in the broader material and socio-political context as an alternative approach to more myopic economic solutions.

This advisor will identify and explore relevant past moments of deep socio-economic crisis in a number of countries to place the outcomes of policies adopted as part of a recovery effort and to address distributional issues in broader context. This includes critical reflection on the conditions leading to the crisis, specific responses and policies implemented, as well as the institutional arrangements involved in seeking a rebalance of socio-economic conditions. The advisor will identify past interventions and programs as well as shortcomings and changes in underlying economic theory/philosophy surrounding

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moments of crisis to draw lessons from them in an effort to inform the policy and advocacy work of Oxfam to bring about a more equitable global economic recovery.

The work will involve:

- managing a small portfolio of research projects (which includes conducting research and analysis for select ones),
- translating research into materials for Oxfam,
- attending external meetings on relevant issues and communicating findings,
- networking with other organizations and research institutions,
- disseminating/communicating work internally for use.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Ph.D. in the humanities and related social sciences.
- Past research experience concerning periods of economic distress or social ethics would be especially helpful.
- Understanding of and interest in global economic crises and international development, a plus.
- Strong interpersonal communications and writing skills.
- Strong analytical and research skills.

APPLICATIONS

- Information on the ACLS Public Fellows program: www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows
- Have to be submitted through the ACLS Online Fellowship Application system (ofa.acls.org).
- Application Deadline: Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 6pm EDT