GENERAL INFORMATION
Program sponsor: Princeton Environmental Institute
Position number: C1WEB
Project title: Norm Dynamics as Agents of Social Change and Environmental Sustainability
Organization/research group: Behavioral Science for Policy Lab
Primary location(s) of internship: Princeton University
Additional cities and/or countries to be visited (if applicable): n/a

Note: If this internship is located in a country with an International SOS risk rating of High or Extreme, final candidates must participate in a travel review process overseen by the Travel Oversight Group (TOG), and obtain safety guidance prior to departure. The University reserves the right to revoke support and funding for travel at any time there has been a significant deterioration in the safety and security conditions surrounding travel arrangements, or in the sector of the country, or countries, where travel is to occur.

FACULTY SPONSOR(s)/HOST INFORMATION
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INTERNSHIP/RESEARCH PROJECT INFORMATION
Internship/project description:
In this position, the intern will work on a major project focused on the deep and rapid decarbonization of the energy systems of India, the United States, and areas of Europe. The intern will assist in the comparative research efforts to model perceptions of and responses to energy policy and system change, and identify behavioral barriers to decarbonization across these different countries and cultures. Topic areas include coal mining and use, carbon tax adoption attitudes, willingness to install and adopt modern energy structures (e.g., smart grids, additional electricity transmission lines) and sources of energy (e.g., wind farms), focusing both on understanding existing social norms and perceptions of these environmental areas and the institutions, agents, and other forces that impact them.

Student's role and responsibilities:
The student's primary research, in conjunction with lab research staff, will focus on developing representations of environmental social norms in different cultures (US, India, and parts of Europe). This can take different forms depending on the student's skills and interests, and will involve analyzing relevant bodies of documents and texts in the topic areas mentioned above to surface, aggregate and map associated norms that guide perceptions and decisions in these areas. The student will also assist the programming and evaluation of online surveys conducted in the different regions that will explore and compare the endorsement of identified norms in these different regions/cultures as well as individual differences in norm endorsement, explain those differences in terms of cultural, situational, demographic, and socioeconomic variables, and relate them to differences in perceptions and responses to those environmental actions. The student will also assist in writing literature reviews and other research reports on social norms literature, as well as assist in processing related behavioral data.
Internship/project learning objectives:
- Design and development of behavioral experiments, including programming, developing, testing and implementing studies.
- Learning how to collect, clean, and code behavioral data
- Data analysis using R
- Writing of research reports and scientific papers
- Develop knowledge of behavioral economics and psychology research and literature

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Academic background and any course pre-requisites:
Behavioral (Psychology, Economics, Sociology, Politics), Public Policy, or Computer Science background preferred but not required.

Technical skills:
Basic statistical knowledge helpful

Additional training(s):
n/a

Equipment:
None

Physical demands:
None

Language abilities/competencies (if applicable):
none

Additional information about the internship/project:
Selected students will need to complete IRB training prior to the start of the internship.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS (if applicable)

Visa(s) required? Yes ☐ No ☑

Research permit/pass required? Yes ☐ No ☑

Immunizations required? Yes ☐ No ☑

INTERNSHIP/PROJECT SUPERVISOR(S)

Name and title of primary supervisor: Johanna Matt-Navarro, Lab Manager
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PROGRAM DATES AND FUNDING INFORMATION

Weekly Stipend: $500 Number of Positions Available: 2

Tentative Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 05/28/2019 Number of Weeks: 8

Tentative End Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 07/19/2019

Note: PEI funding is for full-time work, 35 hours per week minimum, and for a period of at least 8 continuous weeks.

Application Deadline: January 11, 2019