GLPS International Fellowship Program

2015 - 2016
I. What do we offer?

Group for Legal and Political Studies (GLPS) is a leading think-tank in Kosovo that aims to promote domestic and regional policy solutions through world-class research. We are committed to supporting international scholars, young professionals, and future leaders who show a commitment to development, democratization, and state-building in the Western Balkans by offering highly-skilled academics and junior professionals the opportunity to gain critical professional experience as part of a top-tier think tank, to engage with stakeholders as a member of Kosovo’s civil society, to conduct specialized research related to their field of study, and to achieve real impact through the promotion of practical policy solutions.

Research fellows will work within one of our four policy areas – democratization, rule of law, regional cooperation and foreign policy, or economic growth & development – and will be provided with specific research topics and research/advocacy tasks. During their fellowship with GLPS, international fellows will be expected to produce at least one comprehensive and extensive policy report, requiring structured and in-depth research, in addition to shorter policy analyses and policy notes that relate to the specialty of the research fellow. The fellow and GLPS staff together will develop a research agenda for the duration of the fellowship.

GLPS will help fellows strengthen their research and analytical abilities within their field and will invest in supporting the field knowledge of fellows by providing stimulating research and policy tasks and structured guidance. A senior member of our staff will oversee, guide, and mentor fellows in order to ensure credible research standards and high-quality learning and will help the fellows develop appropriate research methodologies in this transitional democratic environment that will support the publication and promotion of realistic policy analyses and recommendations and credible policy/research products. Fellows will also be expected to engage with stakeholders and participate in national policy-making events.

The duration of a GLPS fellowship is between 12 weeks and 16 weeks and may occur anytime during the year. International fellows work in the Pristina office of GLPS. GLPS fellows are paid a basic salary intended to cover accommodation costs, living expenses, and travel expenses during their stay. GLPS will also cover travel costs to and from Pristina and will provide support in finding proper accommodation for international research fellows.

II. Who are we looking for?

We are looking for PhD students and junior policy professionals at the graduate and post-graduate levels. Applicants should hold a graduate (MA) or doctorate (PhD) degree or be pursuing a doctorate degree in the fields of law, political science, economics, business and finance, sociology or another social science. International fellows are expected to have fundamental research skills and to have already produced competitive research and/or policy analysis during their studies or post-graduate work.

Applicants should be fluent in English.

III. How can you apply?

Applications for fellowships will be evaluated on a rolling basis. Applicants should send a resume and cover letter to office@legalpoliticalstudies.org with the subject ‘International Internship Program’. These should include details regarding your education and concentration, current studies, previous work or internship experiences, language experience, and technical-research skills. The resume should be a maximum of one page and the cover letter should be a maximum length of 1.5 pages. In the cover letter, you should also include your motivations and
interests for applying for a GLPS internship, and why you think that you would be well-suited for the research internship in Pristina.

In addition, please also include, along with your resume and cover letter, two high-quality writing samples (preferably policy papers, but academic research papers are also acceptable) that are no longer than 10 pages each. If possible, these writing samples should relate to the research area that you are interested to work within while interning with Group for Legal and Political Studies.