

## Center for Economic Research in Pakistan (CERP)

### Job Announcement

**POSITION: Research Associate**

**PROJECT: Using technology to improve political communication**

**START DATE: As soon as possible**

**MINIMUM COMMITMENT: 12 months**

**LOCATION: Islamabad/Peshawar**

### Project and Position Description

CERP is seeking a Research Associate to support pilot work to generate "proof of concept" of an intervention designed to improve service delivery and political accountability which aims to study the use of information and communication technology in spring-boarding communication between politicians and citizens. Interested in studying how enhanced communication between politicians and citizens can improve democratic outcomes.

The Principle Investigators of the project will be Dr. Miriam Golden (University of California), Luke Sonnet (University of California) and Dr. Saad Gulzar (Stanford University).

We hope that the successful candidate will start as soon as possible. This is a full-time position based in Islamabad/Peshawar. CERP's project teams are small, and the amount of work we accomplish is significant. The position is challenging but rewarding – only apply if you are the type of person who takes charge and responsibility, can do good work with little supervision, and are not afraid to learn new things in order to get the job done. The ability to take on challenges is essential.

### Job Description

Your primary responsibility will be towards the said Project. However, you may be asked to assist on other tasks/projects at CERP in consultation with your reporting supervisor(s). Your tasks will include:

1. Design, implementation, and piloting of various interventions through field visits and market related research.
2. Management of local partner relations
3. Designing, pilot testing, and conducting any survey or administrative data gathering
4. Training surveyors, monitoring surveys through field spot checks, cleaning and analyzing data.
5. Travelling across KP for project implementation related work including monitoring, pilot testing, informal discussions/interviews, data collection etc.
6. Coordinating any data related questions or concerns with the PIs, RAs and field partners.
7. Implementation and monitoring of intervention
8. Regular reporting to researchers in Pakistan and the US
9. Other duties as necessary

## Job Requirements

- Master's degree in economics, political science, public policy, or a related discipline from an internationally recognized university (well-qualified Bachelor's candidates with significant related work experience will also be considered.)
- Preferably 1-2 years of relevant experience in research/program design and/or evaluation, including the design and execution of surveys, focus groups, and interviews
- Ability to work closely in a team on a large project with multiple evaluations.
- Some working knowledge of STATA or R.
- Willingness to travel to urban and rural locations in KP for fieldwork
- Demonstrated ability to manage various tasks effectively and coordinate between project members
- Comfortable communicating with key stakeholders in the public and private sectors as well as with a wide range of urban and rural populations in Pakistan
- Fluent in English and Urdu. Fluency in Pushto strongly preferred.

## How to apply:

Interested candidates should fill this [online form](#) and send their *cover letter, CV, and transcripts* to [careers@cerp.org.pk](mailto:careers@cerp.org.pk) and [luke.sonnet@gmail.com](mailto:luke.sonnet@gmail.com) with the subject title **“Research Team- Using technology to improve political communication”**.