



Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment

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Paid Short-term Post-Graduate Fellowship: Extractive Industries and Sustainable Development

The [Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment](#) (CCSI), a joint center of Columbia Law School and the Earth Institute, will offer one 12-week fellowship for a 2018 SIPA graduate, to begin after graduation.

The role:

The Fellow will work closely with CCSI's extractive industries and sustainable development team to conduct research, economic analysis, writing, and strategizing. The position requires an economics background.

The projects:

CCSI's extractive industries and sustainable development team works on a range of [projects](#); the summer fellowship may include:

- The Renewable Power of the Mine: CCSI is researching how power demand from the mining industry (consuming 11% of the world energy) can catalyze the deployment of renewable energies in host countries and increase power access in poor communities.
- Investment gap for financing the SDGs: Under the leadership of Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, CCSI is working on estimating the costs involved to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals to accompany the global planning effort for the SDGs
- Coffee Value chain: In collaboration with CCSI's land and agriculture work stream, CCSI is working on a project to assess the money flows along the value chain of the coffee market from point of production in host countries to consumer in home countries in order to provide recommendations on how a larger share of revenues can go towards coffee growers. By doing so, this project will scrutinize faire trade initiatives and analyze how their outcomes can be enhanced where they have been sub-optimal.
- SDG strategy of a leading energy company: CCSI is working with an energy company to map its activities, strategy, measuring matrices and incentive mechanisms against the SDGs. The aim of the project is to integrate the SDGs into the company's sustainability strategy and corporate governance. In the summer CCSI will take this work to the country level looking at how the company performs against the SDG priorities of a country of operation.
- Among others.

The details:

This 12-week fellowship is available to May 2018 SIPA graduates. The fellowship provides a stipend of \$12,000. The fellow must commit to 40 hours per week. The fellowship will begin immediately following graduation. The fellow must have authorization to work in the US. (Note that F-1 students must apply for an OPT visa authorization before graduation; students needing more details on OPT visa authorization are encouraged to speak with the International Students and Scholars Office.)

What past CCSI Summer Fellows have said about the Fellowship:

- ❖ “It was an remarkable opportunity for me to see the interplay between human rights and sustainable FDI in actual practice. The theory I had learned in the classroom came to life, and that was exciting. One other thing that stood out for me was the flexibility and independence I was given to work on areas of CCSI’s work that I was most interested in. Finally, it provided me a rare opportunity to listen to, speak with and learn from the experiences of many people working to promote sustainable LSLBI in different parts of the world.” –CLS LLM ‘16

- ❖ “I would thoroughly recommend the CCSI LLM Fellowship to anyone with an interest in sustainable development and investment. During the three months of my fellowship, I was able to deeply delve into a new issue - large-scale land-based investments - as well as contributing to the ongoing work of the center. CCSI were extremely accommodating and flexible with regard to both my professional goals and personal circumstances, and I felt very supported by the fantastic team.” –CLS LLM ‘16

About CCSI:

CCSI is a leading applied research center and forum dedicated to the study, practice, and discussion of sustainable international investment. Our mission is to develop and disseminate practical approaches and solutions to maximize the impact of international investment for sustainable development. The Center’s work is organized around 3 major areas of research: Sustainable Investments in Land and Agriculture, Sustainable Investments in Extractive Industries, and Sustainable International Investment Law and Policy.

To apply:

Please send a cover letter, CV and writing sample to CCSI’s Executive Coordinator, Nancy Siporin (NSipor@Law.Columbia.edu). **Applications are due by March 25, 2018.**