**Background / General description**

The Development Economics Vice Presidency (DEC) is the research and development arm of the World Bank. Within this Vice Presidency, the Global Indicators Group creates quantitative indicators of business regulation through the analysis of specific laws, regulations, and common practice that influence firms’ decisions to invest, create jobs, and improve productivity in economies around the world. The **Special Initiatives** unit is part of the Global Indicators Group which produces quantitative indicators and datasets, such as Doing Business and Enterprise Surveys. The unit is partnering with the World Bank’s Agriculture and Environmental Services to improve data availability on the business environment for agriculture. The Benchmarking the Business of Agriculture (BBA) project responds to the need for more analytical work to better identify and prioritize regulations that best enable beneficial agricultural growth. Specific topics that will be covered include: agricultural inputs, accessing agricultural finance, transport, land, markets, and accessing water. For more information, please see: bba.worldbank.org

The Unit is looking to hire a highly motivated intern with strong research skills and experience in agribusiness, and/or comparative institutions and/or law and economics.

**Duties and Responsibilities**

A highly motivated intern is invited to join this dynamic unit, requiring a mix of research, analysis, and policy skills. Duties will include:

- Assisting in designing surveys to be sent to local experts.
- Researching laws and regulations with primary data sources and publicly available information, as well as administering surveys to local experts.
- Assisting in preparation of comparative analysis related to the set of indicators on a country by country and regional basis.
- Participating in preparation of summary data reports on indicators on the business of agriculture across countries.
- Participating in developing and maintaining effective links with local external partners, leading new local partners’ recruitment through web search, World Bank country offices, embassies, and other creative sources.
- Providing general support to the project, as required.

**Selection Criteria**

- **Degree or advanced degree in a relevant discipline such as agriculture, public policy, economics, law, business, or related field.**
- **Experience in cross country data collection and analysis desirable.**
- **Demonstrated research and analytical skills. Experience pertaining to agricultural issues; understanding of substantive issues in comparative institutional and regulatory analysis desirable.**
- **Demonstrates strong analytical skills and writing ability to support the development of project plans.**
- **Well-developed interpersonal and team working skills; initiative, persistence and positive attitude.**
- **High level of energy, initiative, and drive for results with agreed objectives and deadlines. Proven ability to self-start work without close supervision, handle several different tasks simultaneously, and deal with rapidly shifting priorities under pressure.**
- **Systematic, organized, patient and attention to accuracy.**
- **Ability to deal sensitively in multicultural environments and build effective working relations with local and international partners in the private sector.**
- **Excellent command of Microsoft Excel, Word, PowerPoint and database management.**
- **Excellent oral and written communications skills in English are essential. Knowledge of other languages such as Spanish, French, Portuguese, Russian or Arabic is an advantage.**

**Note:** This is an unpaid internship. Intern will have to obtain academic credit from university or funding for the duration of the internship in order to qualify.

Interested candidates should send cover letter and resume to Tea Trumbic (ttrumbic@worldbank.org).