Research Fellow Position: The Intervention Project

The Center for Strategic Studies at the Fletcher School is seeking to hire a Research Fellow to begin work in July 2018.

Overview: THE INTERVENTION PROJECT (TIP) aims to build the most comprehensive, definitive dataset on American military interventions and the use of its armed forces in foreign countries since the country’s founding. Building this comprehensive dataset will create an opportunity for scholars, practitioners, and informed citizens of the United States to solve an important puzzle: why would the number and frequency of American military interventions increase when vital American interests are not under threat? As civilian deaths increase in countries experiencing American military interventions and the financial costs of two long wars in Iraq and Afghanistan top some six trillion dollars, it is imperative to create this dataset. It will catalogue all American military involvement in the world since 1776 and serve as a resource for researchers to investigate the short-term outcomes of those interventions, how well they served America’s national interests, the financial costs, the long-term effects and the unintended consequences.

Tasks: The research fellow will support the CSS director to develop the definitive dataset of all US military interventions, as well as case studies and analysis of specific instances of military intervention. He/she will participate in design and development of research study, execution of protocols and plans, data analysis and reporting of results for research projects and studies. Research fellow will report to the CSS director, Professor Monica Toft, and may contribute to publications, including policy briefs, journal articles and books manuscripts associated with the project. The appointed fellow will have time to work on his or her own research.

Qualifications: The CSS seeks a research fellow with strong background in International Relations and expertise in statistics, sourcing, and dataset development. Attention to detail, strong organizational skills, and excellent writing ability are essential for this project. Research and data management skills, proficiency with statistical software, and PhD required. Candidates must not have exceeded five years from the date of their advanced degree.

Duration: July 2018–June 2019 (with the possibility of renewal)

Hours and compensation: $47,484 annual salary, plus benefits
Application information: Please email a statement of interest outlining any relevant experience/skills and a resume to CSSFletcher@tufts.edu by April 15, 2018.