The Innovation Alliance for Social Enterprise Development

USAID Research and Innovation Fellowships Program – South Africa

- Opportunity for graduate students to conduct research and collaborate with NGOs and public officials
- 8 week fellowship in South Africa during summer months – travel and living stipend included
- Work with partners including the Community Chest of the Western Cape (grant making NGO), Cornerstone Institute, and University of Pretoria - Mamelodi Campus

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Eligibility: Graduate students must be U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents, in good academic standing, and cannot be scheduled to graduate before completion of the Fellowship

Research Areas

We are especially interested in funding social science research in three broad areas:

- Child Protection as it relates to living, education, health, and safety, and/or as it is fostered by public-private partnerships; and
- The economic and educational dimensions of townships
- Building pathways of youth to higher education in STEM fields

Interested in applying?

Step 1: Tell us you are interested! We are happy to talk with you more about this opportunity and how it may fit in with your research focus. Based on your interests, the Graduate School and others will provide feedback or connections to ensure you have the resources available to develop a project proposal. Email Rebecca.Pena@rutgers.edu to receive application template and discuss the match between the partner organization’s interests and your research.

Step 2: Apply by November 15th. Submit to Mrs. Pena at Rebecca.Pena@rutgers.edu

a. Resume/CV
b. Project Description (Template provided when you email your interest)
c. Faculty Letter of Support