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Summer Student Position Profile (2015)
Program Assistant, Programs and Planning

Client Service Results

Reporting to the Senior Programs Officer or Programs Officer, provides administrative and clerical support to them in fulfilling their responsibilities for portfolio management, program delivery and policy development. By providing this support the incumbent engages in providing effective and timely client services, ensuring that CFI policies and guidelines are followed, gathering and analyzing information and ensuring efficient, rigorous and fair review processes.

Key Activities

Program Delivery support:

Administrative review

- Performs a preliminary administrative review of infrastructure applications to ensure that the applications are complete and adhere to the standards prescribed by the CFI; contacts the institutions to request correct or missing information.

Review processes

- Assists in the management of the review process by seeking background information and cv’s of prospective reviewers, by contacting experts, by providing experts with the documents required to perform their tasks, by coordinating the logistics of expert committee meetings and by securing information reviews from experts conducting written reviews.

Information gathering

- Assists Programs staff in decision-making and policy development by gathering and organizing information from a variety of sources in a coherent format.

Other duties

- Performs other administrative and clerical tasks as assigned, such as coordinating logistics (travel, bookings) and taking minutes/notes for meetings.
Program Assistant, Programs and Planning

Education and Skills

• Currently enrolled, at minimum, in 2nd year of a University science, engineering or health undergraduate degree program
• Excellent knowledge (written and oral) of both official languages
• High-level of competency in working with databases, electronic communications, spreadsheets and text processing (Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, Outlook, internet browsers)
• Good numerical skills
• Well organized and attentive to details
• Ability to prioritize deadlines and demands
• Ability to take initiative, work independently and contribute as a team member.

Salary

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

If you are interested in applying, please forward your C.V. and a covering letter by Thursday March 5, 2015, 5:00 p.m. to:

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