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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

FIRST WORKSHOP OF THE LATIN AMERICAN FINANCE NETWORK

Buenos Aires, Argentina
December 11-12, 2003

Papers are currently being requested for the inaugural meeting of a workshop on regional financial issues that will feature a presentation by Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz and include discussions that will bring together scholars and policymakers.

The First Workshop of the Latin American Finance Network (LFN) will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on December 11-12, 2003.

OVERVIEW:

The LFN, organized by the Research Department of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the School of Business of the Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, has the purpose of promoting high-level policy discussion on financial issues and fostering bonds among the academic community and policymakers of Latin America and the Caribbean.

The recent crisis episodes experienced by the region highlight the relevance of the financial sector for economic stability and development, and raise a set of issues and questions that require further analytical and applied research in order to guide policy-making decisions. In light of these circumstances, the LFN Workshops will be a timely and unique opportunity to bring together top researchers, policy-makers and financial regulators from around the world to discuss recent theoretical and empirical advances in financial economics, debate pressing policy issues for the region, and gain insights to guide the research agenda on financial issues.

This year's workshop will be centered on banking issues.
The workshop will comprise six academic presentations, one keynote lecture and a policy roundtable discussion. Starting on the morning of Thursday, December 11, 2003, during three half-day brainstorming sessions six academic papers will be presented and commented on by a discussant, leaving ample time for general discussion. The program committee responsible for the selection is formed by Jose de Gregorio, Arturo Galindo, Alejandro Izquierdo, Eduardo Levy-Yeyati, Soledad Martinez Peria, Alejandro Micco and Alejandro Werner.

PAPERS:

We welcome theoretical and empirical research on the economics and politics of banking in developing countries (for convenience, a list of suggested topics is included below). In order to participate in the Workshop it will be necessary to submit a paper or research project. However, the selection of the submitted paper is not a prerequisite for participating. Indeed, we anticipate that there will be more invited participants than the six papers and six discussants that we will be able to accommodate during the brainstorming sessions.

First Workshop of the Latin American Finance Network
Suggested topics:

- Financial development: measurement, determinants and implications
- Banking crises: causes and resolution
- Issues on financial structure:
- The role and performance of public and foreign banks
- Offshore vs. onshore banking
- Banking performance and vulnerabilities in countries with narrow local currency markets (sudden stops, real exchange rate exposure, fiscal exposure, etc.), and associated regulatory challenges
- Financial constraints in Latin America: determinants, implications and remedies
- Alternative mechanisms to expand access to credit for SMEs and the rural sector: public development banks, development agencies, direct subsidies, etc.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

On Thursday, December 11, 2003, Nobel laureate Joseph Stiglitz will give a keynote presentation on the main issues pertaining to the critical relationship between
governments and banks, entitled "Governments and Banks: Where Do We Draw the Line?"

This presentation will be followed by a roundtable discussion, with participation by academics and Central Bank Governors, on the subject of state-owned banks and their interaction with private financial institutions. These last two activities will be open to the public.

For selected academic participants, we expect to be able to offer hotel accommodations and round-trip economy class (most direct) airfare. However, we urge you to find additional sources of funds to cover other transportation costs, as we are running this event on a very limited budget.

PARTICIPATION:

Academics and researchers currently occupying policy-making positions are welcome to participate in the Workshop without presenting a paper. However, these participants will have to procure the financing to participate in the Workshop from their own institutions.

PAPER SUBMISSIONS:

Please send us an email indicating your willingness to participate, together with the paper title and an abstract, to:

Email: MAILTO:LFN@utdt.edu

no later than September 6. The submission deadline for papers is October 11. Papers (preliminary drafts are acceptable) must be submitted in PDF format.

For additional information please visit:

http://www.utdt.edu/~lfn

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Inter-American Development Bank

STATE STREET FINANCIAL CENTER
Quantitative Research Analyst  
SSgA02-153  

The primary role of the Research Analyst is to work with other analysts in the Advanced Research Center, and with investment groups, in the development and improvement of forecasting models for active quantitative strategies. This position will provide the opportunity to lead projects and develop and apply advanced statistical methods across a wide range of investment strategies involving stock-level and aggregated (bottom-up) quantitative approaches.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS:

- At least two years' experience working as a quantitative equity portfolio manager or researcher

- Strong computer skills and good programming experience (especially SAS and MATLAB)

- Genuine depth in statistics or econometrics

- Able to work well in a collaborative group environment

- Good presentation skills

An advanced degree with a strong numerical or statistical component preferred.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Please send all resumes to:

CONTACT:       Terence Lynch  
Email:         MAILTO:ssbcareers@statestreet.com  
Job code:      SSgA02-153  
Postal:        State Street Financial Center  
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               Boston, MA  02111-2900

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DANISH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL RESEARCH  
Research Professor in Economics  

The Danish National Institute of Social Research is seeking an internationally recognised economist for a position as Research Professor. The Institute wants to strengthen its competence in economics and/or microeconometrics of relevance for its research programme.
POSITION:

The Research Professor is expected to enhance the competencies of the Institute through the following activities:

- Own research within the framework of the Institute's research programme and communication of research results.
- Supervision and advice to PhD students, post docs and young researchers at the Institute.
- Supervision and operation of major research projects.
- Participation in quality control procedures for research projects and reports.
- Development of international research co-operation.
- Participation in studies and evaluations of Danish policy issues.
- Advice to the Institute on research issues.

The Research Professor is also anticipated to take an active part in intensifying the Institute's collaboration with the departments of economics at Danish universities.

PROFILE:

Applicants must have a strong scientific background in one or more areas covered by the research programme of the Institute. Applicants must have a track record of publications in international scientific journals or the like and must be involved in international networks of researchers working in the same field. Applicants must also have a profound ability to provide inspiration and guidance for other researchers.

A demonstrated ability to define and operate research projects and to raise the necessary funding is required. A broad research experience as well as experience in teaching and several other forms of communication of research results is desirable.

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT AND SALARY:

The position is a five-year research professorship with a possible extension for three years. The terms of employment will be in accordance with Danish collective agreements of scientific staff at governmental research institutes with a salary in the range of DKK 480,000-540,000 p.a. depending on qualifications and experience plus pension scheme. Health insurance is provided free of charge for Danish residents.

FURTHER INFORMATION:
For further information on the position please contact:

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For information about the Institute visit the web-site:

http://www.sfi.dk

and for information about living in Denmark visit the websites:

http://www.um.dk/English
and
http://www.danmark.dk

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

The application must be in triplicate and should include the following:

- A general description of the scientific background, experience and career of the applicant.
- A description of preferred research activities and an indication of how they will be pursued.
- Curriculum vitae and relevant personal information.
- A complete list of publications.
- Copies of key publications chosen by the applicant (max. 10 publications).

Employment is expected to start in the spring of 2004. Applications will be considered by a scientific committee, and the employment procedure will be in accordance with regulations for governmental research institutes. The application should be sent in 5 copies and be addressed to:

CONTACT: The Danish National Institute of Social Research
Personnel Office
Herluf Trolles Gade 11
DK-1052 Copenhagen K
Denmark
Ref: 9548-09-03-02

Deadline for submission of applications is September 30, 2003 at 12.00 noon.

The Danish National Institute of Social Research is a sector-research institution; it performs socially relevant research, research-based evaluation and elucidations and data collection through surveys. The Institute's research comprises social, economic, work and family-related conditions important to citizens' living conditions. The Institute employs approximately 150 staff.
THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

Canada Research Chair,
Energy, Environmental and/or Regulatory Economics

The University of Calgary invites applications or nominations for a Tier I (senior level) Canada Research Chair established by the Government of Canada to enable Canadian universities to foster world-class research excellence (http://www.chairs.gc.ca). The Chair will build on existing strengths in energy, environmental, or regulatory economics, identified in the University's Strategic Research Plan (http://www.ucalgary.ca/UofC/research/documents/strategic_plan.pdf).

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The University of Calgary, as part of its Academic Plan (http://www.ucalgary.ca/UofC/events/unicomm/raising/raising.html), has identified the area of Energy and the Environment as a strategic priority. The Chair is expected to take an active role in initiatives to make the University of Calgary the pre-eminent university in Canada, and one of the world's leading centres for energy, environmental, and regulatory studies. The appointment will be primarily in the Department of Economics (http://www.econ.ucalgary.ca) in the Faculty of Social Sciences, but preference will be given to candidates whose research will promote collaboration with the Faculties of Law, Management, or Science. The position represents an exciting opportunity for experienced individuals who are recognized internationally for applied and policy relevant research in these fields. The appointment will be tenured with limited teaching responsibilities.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS:

The successful applicant should possess an outstanding publication record that demonstrates a successful and active research program, commensurate with the requirements of the Tier I Chair. Experience in supervising graduate students is expected.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applicants should submit their curriculum vitae, a statement of research interests and future plans, and the names and addresses of at least three references to:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CANADIAN IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS, ALL QUALIFIED CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY; HOWEVER CANADIANS AND PERMANENT RESIDENTS WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY. THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY RESPECTS, APPRECIATES AND ENCOURAGES DIVERSITY.

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INDIANA UNIVERSITY,
BLOOMINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

FACULTY POSITIONS IN:

D0 MICROECONOMICS
E0 MACROECONOMICS AND MONETARY ECONOMICS

THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS HAS AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE TWO TENURE TRACK APPOINTMENTS AS ASSISTANT PROFESSORS BEGINNING IN AUGUST 2004. HOWEVER, EXCEPTIONAL CANDIDATES AT A HIGHER RANK WILL BE CONSIDERED. THE DEPARTMENT IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN CANDIDATES WITH STRONG APPLIED INTERESTS.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS:

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR CANDIDATES MUST HAVE PH.D. COMPLETED OR COMPLETION ANTICIPATED, WITH INITIAL APPOINTMENT AS LECTURER UNTIL COMPLETION OF PH.D. CANDIDATES MUST DEMONSTRATE THE CAPACITY FOR HIGH-QUALITY INSTRUCTION AND THE POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT RESEARCH. QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT ABOVE THE ASSISTANT PROFESSOR RANK INCLUDE OUTSTANDING RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS, AND RECOGNITION FOR EFFECTIVE TEACHING AT BOTH THE GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE LEVELS. PH.D. IS REQUIRED.
APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Assistant professor candidates should submit a resume, one research paper, and 3 letters of recommendation. Applicants for a position above the assistant professor rank should submit a curriculum vita, copies of important publications or working papers, and the names of 6 references.

To be certain of receiving full consideration, applications should be received by November 15, 2003. We strongly encourage applications from women and minorities. Indiana University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

CONTACT:       Professor James M. Walker, Chair
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