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The Name Fellowship in Emerging Markets

Student Student  
2011-12 Name Fellow  
Political dynamics and climate in sub-Saharan Africa

BENEFIT OF THE NAME FELLOWSHIP

Mr. Donor’s generosity directly affected my career and I am very grateful. The fellowship helped solidify my choice of UC San Diego, which was the right location for my research based on the Africanist academics located here. The Name Fellowship increased my interest in emerging markets research and is a reflection that my efforts are funded by a notable entity in that arena. Pragmatically, the fellowship allows me to devote more time to accomplishing research at UC San Diego. Thank you for this award.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL AMBITIONS

My current research focuses on the political dynamics surrounding severe climate events in sub-Saharan Africa. I explore how climate shocks, such as lack of rainfall, affect local economies as well as the provision of public goods, with consideration for the long-term implications for extreme events. I am interested in pursuing a career of research and policy work in academia or private industry.
ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

“At Oxford, I discovered a persistent deviation between relatively clear economic and environmental prescriptions for policy and the subsequent country-level implementation of policy. This made me want to better understand the roots of deviation, particular from a political perspective.” — Student

The roots of Student’s international political research can be traced back to watching a 60 Minutes episode on Darfur while a high school student. “In researching Darfur further, I was dismayed by the lack of international interest in the scope of the conflict,” he said. This prompted Student to pursue studies in developing country politics and policies, and he graduated from Santa Clara University with a B.S. in Economics and Environmental Studies.

As a junior, Student was selected for a full scholarship to study abroad at Oxford University (only one student is selected each year under the program), where he studies international economics.

Student is currently a Political Science graduate student under the mentorship of Name, Chair of the Department of Political Science.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Student worked for Intel as an Environmental Sustainability Analyst where he helped coordinate proposals to the board of directors on operational and product sustainability as well as using Intel’s design power on product development for smart grids. He also conducted economics research as an assistant at Stanford.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR – DR. NAME

Thank you for your support and generosity. Because of your fellowship, Student has been able to excel in his research, travels, and dissertation. I am impressed with his work ethic and passion for learning. I am proud to tell you that the department has recently won many awards for quality research in political studies and global initiatives. I would be pleased to show you our new center of something or other next time you can visit UC San Diego.
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