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Global Development Policy Center: Global China Initiative

Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Boston University

Boston University's Global Development Policy Center (www.bu.edu/gdp) seeks a post-doctoral fellow for a research project on the implications of Chinese foreign investment on global biodiversity, land use change, and indigenous people.

The position offers the unique opportunity to work with a novel, integrated database of Chinese overseas investment to examine the implications of such investment on ecological and social outcomes.

Successful candidates will come to Boston University for all or part of the 2020/21 academic year to engage with this project and pursue their own related research agenda. They will also demonstrate strong interest in being involved with ongoing research on overseas foreign investment as a driver of social and environmental change.

Required Qualifications:

- PhD in conservation biology, environmental science, economics, computer science, statistics, or a related field with a strong quantitative focus
- Skill in open-source spatial data processing and visualization, ecosystem service mapping, and/or rigorous impact evaluation
- Familiarity with key theoretical frameworks in economics or quantitative social sciences
- Knowledge of or interest in Chinese policy and language

Interested applicants can contact assistant professor Kevin P. Gallagher (kpg@bu.edu) with their CV, a short letter of interest that includes a statement of research interests, two publications, and contact information of two references.

Review of applications will begin January 20, 2020. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

Boston University is an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

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Doctoral Student Opportunity

Boston University's (BU) Department of Earth and Environment (EE, www.bu.edu/earth) seeks an incoming PhD student for a research project on the implications of Chinese foreign investment for global biodiversity, land use change, and indigenous people. The position offers the unique opportunity to work with a novel, spatially integrated database of Chinese overseas investment developed at BU's Global Development Policy Center (GDP, www.bu.edu/gdp).

Successful candidates will join Boston University in the 2020/21 academic year to engage with this project and pursue their own related research agenda. They will demonstrate strong interest in being involved with ongoing research on overseas foreign investment as a driver of social and environmental change.

Required Qualifications:

- Interest in a PhD in Earth & Environment that blends conservation biology, economics, remote sensing, and computer science.
- Masters degree in conservation biology, environmental economics, geographic information systems, spatial data science or closely related field. Knowledge in more than one of these fields is an asset.
- Familiarity with key theoretical frameworks in economics or quantitative social sciences.
- Knowledge of or interest in Chinese policy and language.

The Department of Earth & Environment offers a five-year funding guarantee to incoming PhD students. This position will be funded on a full-time research assistantship for the first two years, and subsequent research funding is envisaged. The student will be jointly advised by Christoph Nolte (EE) and Kevin Gallagher (GDP).

Interested applicants should contact assistant professor Christoph Nolte (chrnolte@bu.edu) with a short letter of interest that includes a statement of research interests, a writing sample, unofficial transcripts, and contact information of two references.

Review of applications will begin December 15, 2019. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Upon selection, applicant(s) will formally apply with the PhD program in Earth & Environment (the official application deadline will be extended accordingly).

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