Summer Research Program in Cooperative Threat Reduction

The University at Albany (State University of New York) seeks qualified graduate and/or law students for **seven (7)** summer research positions on international issues related to weapons of mass destruction (WMDs), jointly hosted by the Center for Policy Research at Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, and the College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity.

The positions, located in Albany, NY, will support a research effort evaluating global progress on cooperative threat reduction related to WMDs. Using a wide array of open source methods, students will conduct structured reviews of the regulatory and legal frameworks for specific countries related to their regulation of biological, chemical, and nuclear weapons and material. Students will also employ an existing mixed-methods approach to capture both qualitative and quantitative trends in the evolution and progression of security and security culture related to WMDs. Students will work with senior project researchers on the development, analysis, and production of country-specific reports for dissemination to project stakeholders. As part of the project, students will receive extensive training on WMDs, comparative legal/regulatory frameworks, and open source research methods.

**Required Qualifications:**
- Currently-enrolled graduate student or law school student at a U.S. institution
- Interest in comparative security issues surrounding biological, chemical, radiological and nuclear weapons and material
- Excellent writing skills
- Detailed oriented
- Working knowledge of Windows-based software, including Microsoft Word and Excel
- Ability to relocate to Albany, NY during position duration

**Preferred Qualifications:**
- Background in comparative politics or international relations
- Previous experience with structured data collection using open source research methods
- Reading comprehension of French or Arabic

**Duration:** June 3rd to July 26th (8 weeks); June 3rd to August 9th (10 weeks)

**Hours:** 40 hours / week

**Pay:** $16.25/hour ($5,200 for 8 weeks; $6,500 for 10 weeks)

**To Apply:** Send cover letter (which must indicate candidate’s interest in international issues related to WMDs), resume (including the phone numbers of three references), unofficial graduate transcripts, and a sole-authored writing sample (from a class or other publication venue) to **Brandon Behlendorf (bbehlendorf@albany.edu)**. Please note that we do not have the ability to sponsor visas for international applicants.

If unable to email (preferred method), you may also mail these materials to:

Summer Research Position  
Brandon Behlendorf  
Richardson Hall 287  
135 Western Ave  
Albany, NY 12222

Applications are rolling, with a final deadline of **April 24, 2019**. Review of applications will begin immediately.