SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Position: Analyst, Investment Institute, Investec Asset Management

The Center for International Development at Harvard University (CID) is pleased to announce a summer internship opportunity with the Investment Institute at Investec Asset Management (Investec). Investec provides investment products and services to institutions, advisory clients and individuals. Its clients include pension funds, central banks, sovereign wealth funds, insurers, foundations, financial advisers and individual investors.

CID is recognized as a global leader in research that aims to advance the understanding of development challenges and offer viable solutions to problems of global poverty. Investec is a successful global investment firm that has had a significant role in shifting mindsets around emerging markets investment and has built an innovative and entrepreneurial team. Its Investment Institute is an internal think-tank that provides research, investment tools and strategic engagement that help Investec’s clients with investment decision-making across geographies and asset classes.

Together, CID and Investec have embarked on a research collaboration that will foster growth and development around the globe and we are looking for an enthusiastic intern who will play a key role in our joint upcoming research projects. These projects are designed to impact investments decisions by connecting CID’s cutting edge research with Investec’s team of thought leaders and analysts; and joint work around the policies, governance and operations of sovereign investment institutions.

The successful candidate will participate in a three-month summer internship based in New York or London, with a 1-week intensive training in Cambridge on CID’s work on growth, economic development, and economic complexity prior to starting the internship. Responsibilities and projects during the summer will include:

1) **Research and Publications:** The Investment Institute’s major annual publication is its Investment Journal which features content from leading internal and external thinkers and practitioners. The intern will play a key role in providing research and drafting assistance as well as editing and bringing the publication to its final form. The Institute also oversees all major white papers generated by the portfolio managers within Investec and the intern may also be involved in the editing and publication of these pieces.

2) **Research/Strategy related to Institutional and Official Sector Client Engagement:** Investec is increasing its engagement with official sector representatives around the world – from Washington DC policy officials to Central Banks and Sovereign Wealth Funds in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The intern will help research and help strategize around
these engagements, including organizing briefings and events (internal and external). Preference will be given to candidates with strong quantitative analytical skills and the ability to help maintain and refine Investec and CID’s quantitative models for sovereign wealth funds.

3) **Economic Complexity work:** After completing at least a week’s worth of Economic Complexity training on site with the Growth Lab, the intern will be an important conduit between the Harvard research teams and our firm throughout the summer.

4) The intern may also be involved in **ad-hoc projects** related to the Institute, investment writing and investment marketing taking place within the firm.

**Desired qualifications:**

Previous private sector experience in strategy consulting, communications, marketing, or project management is preferred; as are strong quantitative skills and familiarity with statistical software (Excel, Stata, MATLAB, etc). Asset management experience is a plus but not required. Excellent communication skills, both written and oral. Flexibility, adaptability and strong attention to detail a must. Demonstrated organizational skills, the ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously, meet deadlines, and work independently. Successful completion of macroeconomics coursework and demonstrated interest in economic development.

The position will report directly to Malan Rietveld, Director of the Investment Institute (New York) and Katherine Tweedie, Executive Director of the Investment Institute (London). This is a three-month term appointment at Investec Asset Management, based in either the firm’s UK headquarters in London or in New York.

Due to right to work requirements, strong preference will be given to applicants with an EU or US passport or those with the current right to work within either the UK or US.

To apply, please submit cover letter, resume, and a copy of your right to work status in the EU or US (in one document) to the attention of Chuck McKenney, cid@hks.harvard.edu with the subject line: Investec Asset Management Intern. Please note that all applications must be submitted by April 2, 2015.