

## Terms of Reference for Predoctoral Fellow

<b>Job Title:</b> Pre-doctoral fellow	
<b>Division/Department:</b> Standing Panel on Impact Assessment of CGIAR	
<b>Location:</b> To be decided. Preferably Paris.	
<b>Expected Start Date of Assignment:</b> Summer 2019	<b>Duration:</b> 1 year (renewable)
<b>Reports to: Name:</b> Prof. Karen Macours	<b>Title:</b> Paris School of Economics, and SPIA chair

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED

This position is to provide technical support to the Chair of the CGIAR [Standing Panel on Impact Assessment](#) (Professor Karen Macours) as she fulfills her duties in that capacity. In particular, the tasks are to be focused on the following activities:

- Provide scientific and technical analysis in support of the planning, implementation and monitoring of the SPIA workplan
- Provide general research support to Prof. Macours, including data collection and analysis; preparation of presentation materials; support with manuscript preparation; etc.
- Conduct literature reviews and other background analysis to support design of calls for expressions of interest/proposals
- Read and critique completed impact studies and impact study designs, as part of support to development of CGIAR impact assessment guidance document
- Help to identify and communicate with reviewers for proposals for impact studies
- Work with the SPIA team to draft and edit comments and commentaries related to impact assessments
- Manage routine administrative matters related to impact assessment studies, including communications with study teams
- Draft /co-authoring blog posts
- Engage in the broader work of SPIA and provide support to the SPIA Secretariat in Rome, as needed.
- Interact with the CGIAR Impact Assessment Community of Practice

The position may also involve travel and fieldwork in support of SPIA-funded projects in the field and/or for the design&scoping of impact assessment opportunities, including in sub-Saharan Africa and other developing regions. The person hired in this position may also be invited to take part in face-to-face meetings of SPIA. Attendance at these meetings might involve international travel. Travel would be paid for by SPIA.

### REQUIRED COMPETENCIES

- At least 1 year of graduate course work (Master or PhD) in a relevant field completed
- Excellent written English
- An interest in agriculture in developing countries, including agricultural innovations
- Strong quantitative skills, including experience with data analysis and econometrics
- Knowledge of impact assessment

### HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should submit a CV, a cover letter, and a writing sample (preferably a paper showing some original analytic work or literature review) to Ira Vater ([spia@cgiar.org](mailto:spia@cgiar.org)) and Karen Macours ([karen.macours@psemail.eu](mailto:karen.macours@psemail.eu)). The cover letter should provide some indication of interests in (and knowledge of) agriculture and/or impact assessment.