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## **STUDY FELLOWSHIP**

### **The role of Iran in regional and global governance**

#### **Background**

As a major country in the intersection between the Middle and the Far East, Iran holds a huge potential to contribute to a renewed system of regional and global governance. As its relations with the rest of the world normalize, Iran may be a source of innovation, new forms of cooperation as well as inter-cultural dialogue across regions.

At GovInn we promote research in new policy areas, with a special focus on new economic governance, regional cooperation and innovative forms of governance throughout the world. As we expand our research agenda towards the East, we feel that Iran is an interesting and under-researched case to study, especially because of its longstanding marginalization and the possibility that this may change in the near future with the lifting of sanctions. Moreover, its natural resource base, its complex society, its high level of education and scientific profile make it an excellent starting point for innovative governance research.

Against this backdrop, GovInn launches a call for applications to Iranian students and young researchers interested in spending a study period of up to 6 months at our centre at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. The duration of the stay will be negotiated with the successful candidate, with a view to supporting his/her on-going studies. We believe that this will be an intellectually enriching experience for both the visiting student and our resident researchers.

#### **Who should apply?**

The study fellowship will be hosted by GovInn at the University of Pretoria. The successful candidate will receive financial support for his or her studies. Applicants must either be already registered for Masters or be in their second or third year of their PhD research at the University of Pretoria or in any other South African university. If not based in Pretoria, the fellowship will also cover all travel and accommodation expenses for the agreed period. .

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Applicants should pursue studies in one of the following fields: Commerce, Economics, Politics, International Relations or related fields. We appreciate the fact that PhD programmes are sometimes interdisciplinary. Students studying for an MBA are also welcome to apply. Applicants must strictly be Iranian nationals, studying in South Africa and must be willing to work with international entities. Their ability to speak and write in English is essential.

### **Application process**

Interested candidates must email an application letter and curriculum vitae, stating their personal background, when last did they study in Iran, why they decided to study in South Africa, a summary of their academic research, their work experience (if any) and their future career plans. The application must be accompanied by certified copies of passport, previous academic record and proof of registration or acceptance letter at a South African university. Applications must be emailed to The Director, GovInn, University of Pretoria, Republic of South Africa: [info@governanceinnovation.org](mailto:info@governanceinnovation.org). The closing date for applications is 30 September 2015. Late applications will not be considered. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview in Pretoria.

### **Selection**

Preference will be given to applicants who show strong leadership qualities, and who intend going back to Iran to contribute to the development of their home country. Interviews will only be conducted with shortlisted candidates. If you are not contacted by 20 October, consider your application unsuccessful.

*We look forward to receiving your application. Good Luck!*

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