



National Consortium for the
Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism

A CENTER OF EXCELLENCE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BASED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Project Manager / Senior Researcher *Radiological and Nuclear Non-State Adversary Research Project*

The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) is hiring a full-time Project Manager / Senior Researcher (PM/SR) to work at START's headquarters at the University of Maryland, College Park. This is a full-time, non-tenure track faculty position, with an initial term of 12 months (starting in June 2010).

Responsibilities:

The PM/SR will support overall project coordination and be a member of a research team engaged in a multiyear study assessing various aspects of non-state actor radiological and nuclear behavior, including but not limited to the pursuit and use of radiological and nuclear weapons by terrorists.

Primary duties will include:

- Coordination of a research team of over a dozen researchers, including facilitating collaboration, scheduling research activities and maintaining a high level of communication across the research team.
- Managing all reporting requirements to the project sponsor.
- Supporting research under several research topics. This will include, but is not limited to, identifying, collecting and summarizing open-source information on terrorist and other perpetrators. It will also include the production of a variety of case studies, such as examples of terrorist adoption of advanced technologies or behavioral profiles of violent actors and nuclear weapons.
- Reviewing all expenses associated with the project.
- Assisting with the preparation, editing and publication of all final reports and other products of the research.

The PM/SR will report directly to the project's Principal Investigator and will work closely with the leadership of START.

Qualifications:

- Minimum M.A. (as of Spring 2010) in a field relevant to the nature of this project, such as foreign affairs, psychology, political science, public policy, criminology, security studies, or history.
- At least 2 years of experience in a coordinating or leadership role as part of a substantial, collaborative research effort.

- Graduate level coursework in qualitative research design and methodology.
- Superior communication skills (both written and oral).

Preference will be given to candidates with graduate level coursework or practical experience in areas related to terrorism and extremism studies, unconventional weapons, or decision making. Preference also will be given to applicants with demonstrated experience in systematic data collection and analysis from a range of open-source resources.

The annual salary for this position will be commensurate with education level and experience plus full University of Maryland benefits (as explained at http://www.uhr.umd.edu/documents/new_hire_overview_exempt-faculty_rev_112508.pdf). The person selected for this position will work on site at START's headquarters on campus at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Qualified applicants should submit a cover letter, CV, and unofficial transcripts for graduate coursework via email (with subject line "PM/SR Position") to infostart@start.umd.edu. Please include contact information for two references with your application. Applicants may also submit relevant publications (i.e., conference papers, journal articles, white papers, etc.). Applicants will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Candidates are encouraged to apply by May 10, 2010, for best consideration.

Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. The University of Maryland is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer.