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Position – Senior Research Fellow Public Citizen’s Global Trade Watch

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF POSITION: The Senior Research Fellow works with the GTW Director to plan and implement research projects and reports and to develop other analytical and research materials in support of Global Trade Watch program and goals. This is a one-year grant-funded fellowship for an experienced researcher whose work will supplement that of the GTW research staff. Applicants must have advanced knowledge and experience in trade and investment research. GTW has a scrupulous standard for accuracy and quality in our research and materials, thus applicants should have experience in their work being peer reviewed and libel-checked. Applicants must have an interest in reforming current trade and international investment policies and outcomes to prioritize human needs, environmental protection and democratic participation. Research products published by GTW are widely used by policymakers, civil society organizations, activists, press and scholars in the United States and abroad, often defining major trade and globalization debates.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Develop ideas for short- and long-term research projects that further GTW’s agenda and supplement research work already being conducted by GTW staff. The Senior Research Fellow must stay current with the scholarship, journal traffic and trade-work blog play so as to spot opportunities for value-added high-level analysis, research and/or rebuttal and propose projects to the GTW Director.
2. Successfully plan and implement research projects approved by the GTW Director. The Senior Research Fellow is expected to design research plans for specific projects and manage their implementation. While the Fellow will conduct much of the research and write the project documents, the Fellow will work with the GTW Deputy Director to arrange data or other research support from GTW interns or Legislative Assistants as needed and available.
3. Write long form reports, research memos, factsheets, blogs and other materials to present research findings in an accurate, accessible and efficient manner.
4. Bring new perspectives and insights to GTW team by networking with peers, reading diverse materials, maintain familiarity with a diverse set of issues and research products on the issues related to globalization, international trade, financial services, investment arbitration and dispute settlement. Participate in staff meetings and otherwise brainstorm with the GTW team to help identify developments, strategic opportunities and looming perils related to economic, policy and trade law developments.
5. Participate in rapid response operations to counter misinformation and educate the press. GTW provides the real-time research and myth debunking operations on which numerous policymakers and civil society organizations rely here and internationally. The Senior Research Fellow will participate in the staff team (Director, Deputy Director, Senior Researcher and International Campaigns Director) that spots targets for rapid response and will be assigned by the Deputy Director to conduct research and write text for use in responding to press, government/industry/think tank reports and more based on the Senior Research Fellow’s areas of expertise and team staffing priorities.
6. Conduct briefings and presentations on research findings for policymakers and press and represent GTW before visiting scholars, foreign policymakers and others seeking technical briefings about GTW’s research work.
7. Do press interviews on research work, talk radio shows, etc.
8. Other duties as assigned.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Education:** College degree and at least a masters in economics, international affairs or public affairs required.
2. **Knowledge:** Familiarity with a broad range of public policy issues including trade, investment and finance issues and labor rights, intellectual property, food safety, environmental and other regulatory policy; familiarity with the legislative process, political environment and media relations; extensive knowledge of database programs and analysis, particularly Excel, Access, Stata and ideally others (such as "R"); extensive knowledge of research techniques including utilization of Internet, government, international agency, NGO and academic sources.
3. **Work Experience:** 8 years of demonstrated research and writing experience, particularly on economic, policy and legal issues. Experience in political or legislative campaigning required. This is not a position for an academic researcher. Rather, the Senior Research Fellow must have academic-level research skills, and be able to prepare content that can withstand peer-review, but also be experienced in applying research techniques to further advocacy work.
4. **Skills:** Demonstrated strong planning and project management skills; excellent written and oral communication skills; excellent analytical skills including expertise in technical, statistical and legislative analysis; excellent computer skills, including proficiency in Word and database programs. Must have advanced Spanish language skills.
5. **Capabilities:** Strong intellect and ability to take in and synthesize diverse information. Ability to develop project ideas and implement them with limited day-to-day supervision. Ability to work well with a wide range of people, work well and quickly under pressure, and adapt to changing situations on a daily basis. Comfort with public speaking a plus.
6. **Conditions:** Strong interest in and commitment to the public interest. The ability to walk two flights of stairs. Some travel may be required.

SALARY AND BENEFITS:

Competitive salary commensurate with experience. Good medical and dental coverage. Three weeks paid vacation for new employees.

TO APPLY:

Send a letter of interest, resume, and writing sample to GTWapplicants@citizen.org.

Public Citizen is an equal opportunity employer. People of color, women, LGBT candidates are encouraged to apply. Public Citizen employees are proud members of SEIU Local 500.

About Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch:

Public Citizen is a national, nonprofit advocacy organization founded in 1971 to represent the public interest in Congress, the executive branch and the courts. We fight for openness and democratic accountability in government; for social and economic justice in globalization and trade policies; for clean, safe and sustainable energy; for strong health, safety and environmental protections; for safe, effective and affordable medicines and health care and for the right of consumers to seek redress in the courts. We have six divisions based in our Washington, D.C. offices and an office in Texas

The mission of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch division is to ensure that in this era of globalization, a majority have the opportunity to enjoy America's promises: economic security, a clean environment, safe food, medicines and products, access to quality affordable services such as health care and the exercise of democratic decision-making about the matters that affect their lives.

Public Citizen started working on globalization and 'trade' issues in 1991 when we recognized that this was necessary simply to remain effective advocates for the public health, consumer safety, environmental and economic justice goals Public Citizen had promoted over decades. Motivating this strategic initiative was our realization that today's international commercial agreements, such as the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), were no longer mainly about trade per se. Rather,

these far-reaching agreements were backdoor delivery mechanisms to implement an expansive, enforceable package of non-trade policies - limits on financial regulation and food safety, new monopoly patent rights over medicines and seeds that limit access, new investor rights that promote job-offshoring and subject public interest policies to attack and more. This corporate-led version of globalization is designed to limit governments' role in regulating the economy and to eliminate many of the public interest safeguards Public Citizen and like-minded organizations and activists had won over decades. And, it shifts decision-making on matters previously determined in national, state and local venues to international bodies where those affected by the decisions have no meaningful role.

Since its inception in 1995, GTW has been a leader in popularizing the globalization and trade debate by connecting these seemingly arcane policies to peoples' everyday experiences – and helping people make a difference in the future of globalization by giving them the tools they need to educate their communities, hold Congress accountable for policy choices, and hit the streets to protest. GTW works with diverse national and international coalitions. For more information, please see our website: www.tradewatch.org