



# THE CHICAGO COUNCIL ON GLOBAL AFFAIRS

## **Position Specification**

### **Senior Fellow on the Global Economy**

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#### **National and International Discourse**

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### **The Position: Senior Fellow**

Reporting to the Vice President, Studies, the Senior Fellow will develop a research agenda and communication strategy on critical issues in the global economy. Topics could include, but are not limited to the following:

- U.S. global economic competitiveness;
- the impact of global trade and current account imbalances;
- shifts in the global distribution of economic power and its effect on global governance structures;
- the role of international financial institutions in managing sovereign debt and directing fiscal and monetary policies; and
- the relationship of economic issues to foreign policy and national security.

The Senior Fellow will participate actively in the national and international discourse on these or other related issues through writing and speaking, developing and leading study projects, offering in-depth analysis to The Chicago Council's corporate and leadership members, and contributing to The Chicago Council's Web presence. The senior fellow will work closely with the Council's other senior fellows and with program staff on related activities.

### **Priorities**

The Senior Fellow's priorities will include the following:

- Develop and conceptualize a policy-relevant research agenda in the field of global political economy;
- Conduct original research, contribute to Chicago Council reports, and publish articles in policy journals and op-eds in major newspapers and magazines;
- Contribute commentary to the broadcast, print, and social media in response to news developments in his or her area of research;
- Interact with members of The Chicago Council, policy community, academia, and other constituents -- locally, nationally, and internationally;
- Assist in building a Chicago Council program in political economy by helping Council staff frame programs on related topics, meeting with visiting foreign officials and experts, and communicating research directly to the Council's leadership;
- Establish a significant online presence for the Council's global economy work by establishing a presence in social media, starting and maintaining a blog, and contributing to the Council's webpage; and

- Work closely with the Director, Foundation Relations, to identify new sources of funding and develop grant requests to support The Chicago Council's survey work.

### **Key Competencies**

The Senior Fellow will be expected to hold an advanced degree in economics, political science, public policy, or a related field. In addition, s/he would, ideally, demonstrate the following:

- Significant policy experience in government, the academy, international financial institutions, or journalism, with a particular focus on U.S. involvement in the global economy;
- Expertise in at least one major topic in the field of global political economy (and the ability to contribute to the discourse in several others) such as economics and national security, sovereign debt in the United States and abroad, economic competitiveness, trade, currencies, capital flows, international financial regulation, and international financial institutions;
- A track record of publishing widely and engaging with policy makers; and
- Superior spoken and written communication skills, including the ability to communicate complex concepts and topics clearly, thoroughly, and succinctly.

### **Contact**

Nominations, inquiries, and expressions of interest should be forwarded in confidence to: [ChicagoCouncil@storbeckpimentel.com](mailto:ChicagoCouncil@storbeckpimentel.com). *EOE*