Growth Lab Pre & Postdoctoral Fellowships

The Growth Lab is an academic research program housed at Harvard’s Center for International Development. It consists of a dynamic, cross-disciplinary group of researchers that studies economic growth and structural change in an effort to understand the challenges and obstacles to economic development. As part of its mission, the Growth Lab engages actively in applying its research in policy engagements.

Position Summary
The Growth Lab accepts applications on a rolling basis for Pre or Postdoctoral Fellows who are interested in conducting research in the areas of economic development, growth, macroeconomics, and trade as part of the Growth Lab. These fellowships are non-stipendiary. Candidates must have own source of funding.

Pre/Postdoctoral Fellows conduct independent research while contributing to our vibrant community of fellows within the Growth Lab. The fellows also have the opportunity to contribute to applications of the research in the policy arena. Fellowships are flexible in terms of stay, but 1-2 years is preferred.

Required Qualifications
• Ph.D. or pursuing a Ph.D. in Economics or related disciplines.
• Familiarity and affinity with CID’s work on economic growth.
• Experience with software packages such as Matlab and STATA.
• Strong quantitative skills.

Preferred Qualifications
• A specialization in economic growth and/or trade theory, labor economics, or urban economics.
• A significant publication record.
• The ability to work independently, as well as part of a team.
• Strong communication skills, both written and oral.

Additional Information
The Fellows will have access to office space, Harvard resources, and travel funding for conferences.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and research proposal for the intended stay, a CV, a list of three references, and copies of relevant publications (ideally no more than 2 papers) to growthlab_cid@hks.harvard.edu with the subject line: Growth Lab Pre/Postdoctoral Fellowship Enquiry. Please specify in your cover letter which position you would like to be considered for and your area of expertise.

About the Growth Lab
Led by Ricardo Hausmann, the Growth Lab at Harvard’s Center for International Development works to understand the dynamics of growth and to translate those insights into more effective policymaking in developing countries. The Growth Lab places increased economic diversity and complexity at the center of the development story and uncovers how countries move into industries that offer increased productivity.