STUDENT FELLOWSHIP - SPRING 2017

TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY INITIATIVE (T/AI)

The Transparency and Accountability Initiative (T/AI) is a collaborative of leading funders of global transparency and accountability programming. We are committed to development through empowering citizens to hold their governing institutions to account. We seek to galvanize support for ambitious new ideas and promote more impactful funding, building on the momentum of the thriving global transparency and accountability movement.

Building on successes to date, which include playing a key role in the establishment and implementation of the Open Government Partnership and helping bridge communities of technologists, data scientists and transparency researchers and activists, T/AI has an exciting new strategy focused on scaling donor impact. The members (Ford Foundation, Omidyar Network, Open Society Foundations, the UK’s Department for International Development and the William & Flora Hewlett Foundation) are aligning efforts around shared priorities, including pursuing more transparent, equitable and inclusive tax systems and informing and empowering citizens and governments with data. T/AI is a platform to facilitate knowledge sharing and collaboration, and foster a culture of learning among both donors and practitioners.

POSITION PROFILE

As T/AI shifts from strategy development to implementation, we are seeking students from the Washington DC area to join our team as fellows for approximately 15 hours per week this spring semester (January to April 2017 - flexible start date). Fellows will have a diverse and evolving range of responsibilities, flowing directly from the team’s emerging needs. As T/AI maintains a lean team, fellows will have the opportunity to make a significant contribution T/AI's work and the transparency agenda. For example, fellows will play a key role in developing the design and content of our new website, lead on certain donor outreach and engagement through online mediums, support workshop design and execution (including logistics), and author material on T/AI program areas.

Strong candidates will have exceptional interpersonal skills, strong communication skills and experience, good research skills and enjoy working collaboratively. While our team is small, T/AI has a broad reach: we work closely alongside our donor members and are based in the OpenGov Hub, a co-working community of over 35 organizations dedicated to transparency, accountability, and civic engagement. Fellows will have the opportunity to continuously engage with this network to positively inform their work and to develop a nuanced perspective of the
governance sector. Ideally, fellows will also share our passion to build vibrant citizen-state relationships around the world and thrive in a fast-paced “start-up” environment.

T/AI offers a $1,000 stipend for the semester for this position.

**HOW TO APPLY**
Please send an email briefly outlining your interest in the role together with your CV/resume to Lauren Keevill, Program Officer via lkeevill@transparency-initiative.org by January 6, 2017.