In partnership with the US Agency for International Development (USAID) Global Development Lab, the AidData Summer Fellows program seeks undergraduate and graduate students with a passion for international development and a desire to build the capacity of actors in developing countries to use geospatial data and tools in their communities. This year we are looking to embed students in development stakeholder organizations (e.g. universities, think tanks, advocacy groups, NGOs, USAID Missions) primarily in Nepal, Uganda, Senegal, Timor-Leste, Bangladesh, and the Philippines, with opportunity for placement in other countries as opportunities arise.

During the spring, selected Summer Fellows will coordinate with their host organization and AidData to develop a scope of work prior to spending one week at the AidData Center for Development Policy in Williamsburg, VA for an intensive training boot camp in late May. They will then travel to their assigned post where they will embed with their host organization for 10 weeks. Once in country, they will work closely with their host organization to build capacity to leverage AidData’s geospatial data and tools and to identify opportunities to incorporate those tools into the organization’s current and future work. Summer Fellows may also be asked to complete activities to support AidData’s broader work in their placement country.

Past Summer Fellows have worked with Freedom Forum in Nepal to build the capacity of journalists to use spatial data for evidence-based reporting, with Economic Policy Research
Centre in Uganda to incorporate geocoded aid information into the think tank’s policy analysis, at Timor Leste’s Ministry of Agriculture to develop offline spatial visualization resources for agricultural fieldwork, and with staff at the Regional Program Office of USAID’s mission in Peru to design an internal Activities Database incorporating geospatial data.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience working and/or conducting research in developing countries
- Work and/or internship experience in the areas of international development, open data, open governance, geospatial analysis, data science or other related fields
- Coursework related to international development, GIS, international relations, or other related subjects
- Experience using spatial data in a development context, particularly AidData’s geocoded aid data ([http://aiddata.org/geocoded-datasets](http://aiddata.org/geocoded-datasets))
- Ability to use GIS software for geospatial data visualization and/or analysis
- Demonstrated capacity for training/instruction
- Demonstrated ability to successfully work independently and in teams with limited supervision

Application Materials:

The AidData Summer Fellows program is open to all undergraduate and graduate students, including students from HESN affiliated universities. This is an unfunded position and accepted students from HESN universities are encouraged to seek funding from their home university. To apply for the AidData Summer Fellows program, send a short (1-2 page) resume and a cover letter to Alena Stern, Michael Christesen, and Emily McLenigan (summerfellows@aiddata.org) by December 31, 2015.

Key Dates:

- **October 12, 2015**: Application window opens to all undergraduate and graduate students.
- **December 31, 2015**: Deadline to submit application for 2016 AidData Summer Fellows. In order to apply, submit **resume and cover letter** to Alena Stern, Michael Christesen, and Emily McLenigan by emailing summerfellows@aiddata.org
- **January 13, 2016**: Applicants are notified if they have been selected for an interview. Applicants selected for interviews can choose to be interviewed in person or via phone/Skype. Applicants must schedule their interview before January 22nd.
• **January 18 - 22, 2015:** Interviews commence. Interviews will be 30 minutes long and can be conducted in person at the Scotland St. house or over the phone/Skype with members of the AidData staff selection panel. At this time, interviewees will be asked to fill out a placement survey to convey their placement preferences. Applicants need to complete the survey before January 22nd.

• **February 12, 2016:** Summer Fellow placements announced. All fellows are notified of their placements at this time. To the extent possible, AidData will try to adhere to fellow preferences when making placements.

• **February 19, 2016:** All selected individuals must confirm acceptance of their placement and commit to participation in the program.

• **May 23-27, 2015:** Summer Fellows Boot Camp in Williamsburg, VA. During this boot camp, Summer Fellows receive intensive training in teaching geocoding and GIS, living and working abroad, and strategic communications.

• **June 1 - August 12, 2016:** Summer fellowship period. If a fellow is not able to work during these dates, please notify Alena, Michael and Emily as soon as possible.

*If you have any questions about the AidData Summer Fellows Program or application process, please contact Alena, Michael, and Emily at (summerfellows@aiddata.org).*