Field-Based Research Intern – Mozambique

Location: Inhambane Province, Mozambique

Start Date (Earliest): As soon as possible

Start Date (Latest): 1 November 2026

Length of Commitment: Through 1 June 2027 (end date flexible)

Principal Investigators: Sara Lowes (University of California San Diego) and Fulvia Budillon (Católica Lisbon School of Business and Economics)

Overview

We are seeking qualified applicants for the position of Research Intern to work on a research project in development economics in Inhambane Province, Mozambique. This is an opportunity to gain field research experience in development economics, managing large-scale randomized controlled trials, while also acquiring management and analytical skills.

The position is based in Maxixe, Inhambane Province, and is a full-time field role for its entire duration. It is particularly well suited to individuals anticipating a Master's or PhD in economics or other quantitative social sciences, or to young professionals seeking their first experience managing projects in low-income country settings. It may also appeal to those drawn to interdisciplinary work, as the role touches on themes at the intersection of economics, public policy, anthropology, and medicine.

Project Description

The Research Intern will work on an ongoing randomized field experiment related to healthcare delivery, in collaboration with the Department of Traditional and Alternative Medicine at Mozambique's Ministry of Health. The project evaluates the impact of an intervention aimed at integrating traditional healers into the healthcare delivery system, combining household and provider surveys with complementary, innovative data collection methods.

Responsibilities

- Managing the daily work of a field team of Portuguese-speaking enumerators and a survey manager
- Cooperating with local implementation partners
- Preparing materials for the intervention
- Preparing and managing survey instruments using Excel and ODK
- Extracting and cleaning survey data collected daily using STATA
- Communicating biweekly with PIs Fulvia Budillon and Sara Lowes
- Financial management and expense tracking for field expenses

Qualifications

Required:

- Bachelor's degree in economics, public policy, or a related field
- Fluent Portuguese
- Able to work independently, take initiative, and problem-solve in a fast-paced field environment
- Detailed-oriented, with strong organizational, leadership, and communication skills
- Comfortable living and working in a remote, rural setting for an extended period

Desired:

- Experience with STATA and ODK
- Experience working in developing countries
- Prior experience with randomized controlled trials or large-scale field surveys

How to Apply

Send a CV to fbudillon@ucp.pt as soon as possible. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to provide contacts for 2 references.