Policy Analyst

The Social and Economic Survey Research Institute (SESRI; http://sesri.qu.edu.qa/) invites applications for multiple full-time Policy Analyst positions at its Policy Unit which is located at Qatar University in Doha, Qatar. The newly-formed Policy Unit is being created to utilize new and existing SESRI data to engage in empirically-backed analysis and debate of policy questions of relevance to Qatar and the Gulf region.

Policy Analysts work closely with Senior Policy Analysts to undertake research and conduct analyses on policy issues, author background studies and other supporting materials, help set agendas for convenings with policy audiences, and contribute to the design, implementation, and assessment of the Policy Unit’s research programs.

Applicants should possess knowledge of one or more substantive areas of local and regional policy relevance, as well as familiarity with pertinent research and analytical methods and the ability to apply such techniques to policy issues. Successful candidates will be resourceful, detail oriented, have excellent written and oral communication skills in both Arabic and English, and be comfortable working both individually and as part of a team. Quantitative analytical skills, experience with statistical software, experience analyzing survey data, and experience working on Gulf policy issues all will be considered favorably. A bachelor’s degree in public policy, public administration, or relevant social science field is required, with a master’s degree preferred.

Applications will be reviewed beginning on November 23, 2014. The positions will remain open until filled.

These full-time positions carry an initial three-year term, with a start date that is negotiable, and the possibility of a renewal upon mutual agreement.

The terms of employment are highly competitive and include housing, educational subsidies for children, and generous support for research and travel. The appointment will begin as soon as January 2015, with a later start date possible, pending candidate availability. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, recent curriculum vita, concise statement of research interests, writing sample or representative publication, confidential letter of reference from someone familiar with the candidate’s work, and the names and contact information of two additional referees to pasearch@qu.edu.qa

About SESRI:

SESRI is an academic survey research institute established in 2008 at Qatar University in close association with the University of Michigan’s Institute for Social Research. It undertakes original and groundbreaking surveys of citizens and residents of Qatar and other Gulf Cooperation Council states via telephone and face-to-face interviews, amassing a diverse collection of data unparalleled in the region. Previous areas of study include, among others, education, gender, labor, politics, regional integration, and survey methodology. SESRI has partnered with the World Values Survey, the World Economic
Forum’s Executive Opinion Survey, and other international survey efforts, and since 2010 has secured more than $5.3 million in external project funding through the Qatar National Research Fund. Increasingly recognized for their quality and variety, SESRI data have appeared in such forums as *Foreign Policy*, *Middle East Policy*, and the Middle East Research and Information Project.