



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
COMBATING TERRORISM CENTER
WEST POINT, NY 10996



**COMBATING TERRORISM CENTER AT WEST POINT SEEKS
RESEARCH INTERNS FOR SPRING 2018**

INTERNSHIP OVERVIEW

The Combating Terrorism Center (CTC) at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point seeks a Research Intern or Interns for the Spring 2018 academic semester to assist with its research activities.

Particularly, the CTC is looking for a Research Intern(s) with a demonstrated interest in one or more of the following areas:

- **GENDER AND TERRORISM:** Especially as relates to its history, global incarnations, and praxis in terrorist groups around the world.
- **TERRORISM IN AFRICA:** Especially as relates to Boko Haram, al-Shabaab, al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), on one hand, and global and intra-African cooperation against terrorist groups, particularly in the African Union, on the other.
- **TERRORISM IN AFGHANISTAN-PAKISTAN:** Especially in relation to al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), Islamic State Khurasan (ISK), and affiliates.
- **TERRORISM STUDIES GENERALLY**

Research interns will assist some combination of CTC's researchers in their various projects, to include CTC reports, peer-reviewed journal articles, op-eds, book manuscripts, as well as the conceptualization, creation, maintenance, and analysis of databases. Duties and responsibilities may include conducting literature reviews, collecting and analyzing data, and report-writing, among others.

Research Interns will be fully integrated in the day-to-day culture of the Combating Terrorism Center. To that end, they will benefit from participation in numerous briefings with senior U.S. Government officials and other top academics, as well as interacting with CTC researchers and U.S. Military Academy students.

ABOUT WEST POINT'S COMBATING TERRORISM CENTER

Situated at the nexus of theory and practice, the CTC serves as an important national resource that rigorously studies the terrorist threat and provides policy-relevant research to a variety of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders. It holds three primary missions: to **research** the contours of the contemporary terrorist threat; to **advise** U.S. Government officials on these matters; and to **teach** West Point cadets the latest knowledge on these topics. The CTC's distinguished scholars, international network of experts, and access to senior U.S. Government leadership set it apart from any other like enterprise.

TIMING AND LOGISTICS

- The Research Intern will be expected to commit at least **20 hours per week for at least 10 weeks, beginning no earlier than 15 January and lasting no later than 15 May.**
- Research Internship will be **unpaid**, with no provisions for remuneration or health insurance.
- The Research Intern will be required to secure off-site housing in proximity to the U.S. Military Academy.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be enrolled in a degree-seeking institution at either the graduate (Ph.D./M.A.). At this time, we are not accepting applications from B.A. students.
- Minimum of 3.0 GPA.
- U.S. Government Security Clearance not required.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Interested applicants should send the following materials **in one single PDF document** to Dr. Jason Warner (jason.warner@usma.edu) and Dr. Amira Jadoon (amira.jadoon@usma.edu) by no later than **15 October 2017**:

- **Cover Letter:** Should be no more than 1 page in length, and detail the applicant's interest in the position. Specifically, it should include an articulation of the applicant's background and interest in terrorism/counter-terrorism and/or one of the target areas described above (gender and terrorism, African terrorism, AF-PAK terrorism, or general terrorism studies). It should also include the names and contact information (email and phone) of at least two professional or academic references.



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- **CV:** Should be no more than 2 pages in length.
- **Writing Sample:** Should be between 5 and 10 pages in length and relate broadly or directly to the topical nature of the internship. This may be an excerpt from a longer manuscript.
- **Transcripts:** Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.