# Researcher Position: Global Science and Academic Benchmarking

Title: Global Science and Academic Benchmarking Researcher

Location: Vancouver (downtown)

Position: Part-time or full-time, contract

Travel: Potentially in North America

Compensation: CAD 20-25 / hour depending on experience

Required: Bachelor's degree

Start Date: May 2017

#### **ICG's Client Service**

- ICG advises governments, universities, colleges, and educational associations, on strategic development and competition issues. Our clients are located from Australia to North America to Europe.
- ICG's approach is fundamentally quantitative and often based on large scale data collections we assemble and benchmark on our own, or receive from clients.
- Client advice is mostly rooted in using data analysis and modeling to develop new policies and to improve organizational competitiveness.

# **Position Description**

- As a researcher, you will play a pivotal role in contributing to the further development of two key ICG analytical models (names in brackets):
  - The by-far largest database of international tuition fees covering more than 12,000 degree programs worldwide (ITBCD). It also entails detailed cost of living research, price elasticity and value calculation modules, and is used by universities and governments alike to set fees and calibrate for competitive trends.
  - The analysis of data and core methodologies for 19 international university rankings, including bibliometric data sets (SIRPA). SIRPA constitutes a collection of data sets, calculations and modeling templates, and deep rankings engagement process knowledge that ICG uses to advise leading universities worldwide based on in-depth quantitative performance modeling.

## **Position Requirements**

- The position is open to applicants with a Bachelor's degree. Relevant co-op / entry level work experiences is a strong plus.
- One of the following study areas is recommended: Economics/econometrics/international business, (higher/international) education, political science, public policy, sociology, or social science research. Minimum GPA requirement is 3.5 (or equivalent such as UK 2.1) from a highly selective program or institution.
- Deep experience with data retrieval, analysis, and visualization. High proficiency with Excel is a must. Experience with BI tools such as Tableau is a strong plus.
- Attention to detail, the ability to produce error-free work, and a high degree of self-motivation are essential.
- You will be part of on-going research projects with dedicated ICG project teams, conference presentations, journal publications, and client projects.

## **Background Information on ICG**

- In recent years, ICG has recruited researchers and analysts from Brown, Cambridge, Harvard, Princeton, LSE, Oxford, SFU, Stanford, UBC, and UC Berkeley.
- ICG's clients include governments (e.g., Australia, Canada, Sweden, the UK); universities (Arizona, Copenhagen, FU Berlin, Helsinki, Lund, Melbourne, Oxford, Rochester, UBC, UC Santa Cruz, Uppsala); associations and groups, etc.
- ICG is headquartered south of San Francisco and north of Stanford University.
- The position is based in downtown Vancouver.

### **Application Process**

- ICG's interview process entails a written case study and two rounds of interviews.
- Documents should be submitted to recruitment@icg.ac:
  - A cover letter stating the specific interest in the position.
  - A detailed C.V.
  - An analytical writing sample (paper, article) of not less than 10 pages.
  - Full academic transcript(s) (can be unofficial).