Web / UI Designer

Center for International Development at Harvard University – Cambridge, MA

The Center for International Development at Harvard University (CID) has an immediate opening for a full-time Web / User Interface designer to assist with projects within the Growth Lab.

You will join a growing team working on the visualization of world trade data. A core project is The Atlas of Economic Complexity which aims at assisting economists, investors, policymakers and the general public in understanding country and industry trade dynamics. The designer will have the creative lead for all projects.

This is a position where the successful candidate will:

- Sketch, wireframe and prototype new features based on user interviews and surveys
- Help integrate those new designs into the website and update them based on feedback and analytics we gather
- Help create new visualizations for large amounts of data into websites

Required skills and experience:
- Design skills and solid understanding of core UX principles and best practices
- Solid understanding of effective UI patterns and best practices
- HTML5 / CSS / Javascript
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills; ability to communicate day to day technical issues with non-programmers
- Demonstrated collaboration skills
- Curiosity and awareness towards the developments within your field(s) of expertise
- BA or 3 years of equivalent work experience

Desired skills and experience:
- Experience with Unix/Linux and Git (we use Github for everything: https://github.com/cid-harvard/)
- Visualization (d3.js for us) skills
- Basic familiarity with the Python / Django environment
- Strong organizational skills

Salary range
- $55,000
- + Benefits

Our team consists of a strong group of interdisciplinary researchers and academics, alongside a small but growing number of technologists. You are expected to be a self-starter who is able to fulfill tasks without micromanagement, and you are
encouraged to be involved in all parts of the ideation and development process. It’s an environment that places a premium on creativity.

The position is full-time and based in Cambridge, MA.

**How to Apply**
Candidates should send cover letter, resume and examples of relevant project(s) to Chuck McKenney at cid@hks.harvard.edu with ‘Atlas Designer’ in the subject line.

**Department Summary**
The Center for International Development at Harvard University (CID) is recognized as a global leader in research to advance human well-being and economic progress in the developing world by expanding the understanding of development challenges and offering viable solutions to global poverty.