

JOB POSTING

Position: Program Officer - Policy Analysis, Technical Writing & Program Delivery

Location: Remote

Language Profile: English (primary) and Spanish (intermediate) required

French and/or Portuguese fluency = strong asset

Key Qualifications: Exceptional English writing and analytical thinking abilities

Estimated Start Date: As soon as possible

Application Deadline: Applications will be assessed on an ongoing basis as they are received

ABOUT PARLAMERICAS

ParlAmericas is the inter-parliamentary institution that promotes parliamentary diplomacy in the Inter-American system. Convening the national legislatures from North, Central and South America and the Caribbean, ParlAmericas works to strengthen democratic governance in the hemisphere by enhancing the ability of legislators to fulfill their roles and responsibilities through exchanges of good practices, the production of tailored resources, and by promoting cooperative political dialogue between parliaments and with governments, multilateral institutions and civil society organizations at a regional and national level.

POSITION SUMMARY

We are seeking a highly analytical and detail-oriented Program Officer to join our team. The ideal candidate will have a strong understanding of parliament and demonstrated experience with international democracy and governance program delivery, public policy research and analysis. This position requires a very strong writer in English, with the ability to communicate complex information clearly and effectively.

PRIMARY DUTIES

Public Policy Research and Technical Writing to Support Parliamentary Programming

- Support the drafting of publications and technical briefings tailored for parliamentarians in the Americas and the Caribbean by collaborating with subject experts and using different methods to collect, analyze, and synthesize information into clear, concise, engaging, and practical content that responds to requests from parliamentarians.
- Draft other written products, including speeches, declarations, press releases, political statements, activity summaries, and website and social media content, with attention to clarity, political neutrality, and consistent use of the organization's voice.
- Conduct evidence-based research and analysis to inform the development of activities in collaboration with implementing teams that promote effective and inclusive decision making.
- Review, edit, and validate outsourced translations; translate short texts in-house when required.
- Format or design documents (e.g., reports, toolkits, fact sheets, questionnaires, forms, and templates).



Program Delivery

- Support the planning and delivery of assigned activities to strengthen parliamentary engagement on priority regional issues, in accordance with the ParlAmericas projects funded by Global Affairs Canada.
- Support programmatic content development (agendas, methodologies, summaries) for virtual and in-person activities.
- Build relationships and identify opportunities for coordination and knowledge-sharing with key stakeholders, including donors.
- Prepare activity plans and corresponding activity budgets, in accordance with the parameters provided for in the approved annual work plan.
- Monitor project performance against indicators involving external datasets and/or surveys, interviews and other periodic data collection efforts.
- Support team members and take on other tasks and duties as required for the delivery of ParlAmericas programming.
- Travel as required to support the implementation of project activities.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 3 to 5 years of professional experience working in a position that required public policy research, analysis and writing.
- An understanding of the legislative process. **Prior experience working in or with parliament** and/or in the office of a parliamentarian, is considered a strong asset.
- Political acuity and understanding of electoral politics, cultural dynamics, and regional issues in Latin America and/or the Caribbean.
- Exemplary research skills: Understanding what information is needed, identifying how to locate
 and collect data from the appropriate sources, and analyzing and synthesizing information to
 make recommendations and prepare meaningful written resources for evidence-based
 decision-making.
- Ability to write on complex and highly specialized issues (e.g., policy, law, science, economics, international affairs, parliamentary procedure) within different kinds of writing products, adapting style for the audience and medium. Experience writing speeches and other documents for politicians is an asset.
- Knowledge of or experience in applying gender analysis and dedication to human rights and equality.
- Strong analytical, communication and problem-solving skills, including the ability to think several steps ahead, seek guidance and determine the best course of action to contribute proactively to the delivery of high quality results.
- Intermediate comprehension of written Spanish is required, ability to communicate (written and/or spoken) in Spanish and other ParlAmericas languages (French/Portuguese) considered an asset.
- Strong interpersonal, tact, and diplomacy skills and a proven ability to develop productive working relationships with staff, peers, and external stakeholders in an intercultural work environment.
- Ability to function with a significant level of flexibility and autonomy, performing various and complex tasks under competing deadlines in coordination with other staff while demonstrating initiative, creativity and sound judgment.



- Exceptional project management, time management and organizational skills and abilities to work remotely as part of an inter-cultural and virtually connected team.
- Proficiency with spreadsheets (Excel), MS software (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) and Zoom.
- Availability for travel abroad, when required.

WORKING CONDITIONS

The ParlAmericas International Secretariat is a small, dynamic, multicultural, multilingual team of professionals. Job duties may include occasional travel to countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

TO APPLY

Please send your C.V. and a cover letter in English describing what you can bring to the position and the organization. Applications should be sent to recruitment@parlamericas.org with the subject header 'Program Officer | February 2025 – Name'.

Applications will be considered on an ongoing basis. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. No phone calls please.

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