

Job Title: Student Fellow — Technology

Location: Chicago

Position Description:

MacroPolo, the Paulson Institute's think tank, currently offers Student Fellow positions in our Chicago headquarters. Only matriculated students, both undergraduate and graduate, qualify for these positions that offer both unique experience and insight into how a think tank is built. These are paid opportunities offered on a rolling basis.

MacroPolo Student Fellows typically focus on particular domains, from political economy, technology, and energy to design, marketing, and web development. Student Fellows work closely with the team while honing their research and analytical skills and sharpening their creative acumen. Although Student Fellows have duties such as data collection and research support, particularly in terms of primary source research, they also have the opportunity to publish their own work and help shape major products.

MacroPolo is seeking a student fellow with solid qualitative and quantitative skills to support our Technology research practice focused on China's evolving technology ecosystem, competitive dynamics, and geopolitical trends. Candidates should have excellent analytical and research skills, especially knowing how to perform due diligence and data analysis. This position is project-oriented. You will work directly with MacroPolo analysts and contribute to their projects.

Responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

- Assist analysts in conducting quantitative and qualitative analysis on China's technology sectors with a focus on deep tech (“专精特新”) including semiconductors, advanced manufacturing, robotics, smart city and energy technologies;
- Conduct due diligence, clean data, perform data analysis, and visualize findings clearly and concisely;
- Monitor, track, and report on current events related to key research areas;
- Work cross-functionally with leadership and other team members in developing analytical products in various forms.

Qualifications:

- Undergraduate or graduate students with the authorization to work in the United States;
- 15-20 hours of commitment per week;
- Proficiency with Chinese mandarin and ability to conduct research in Chinese language primary sources required;
- A strong understanding of competitive and regulatory dynamics in China's domestic technology ecosystem within a global context (experience or knowledge of deep tech sectors preferred);
- Knowledge of China's technology investment landscape and capital markets is a plus;
- Compliance with the Paulson Institute COVID-19 policies.

Contact: Interested applicants should send a one-page resumé, a one-page cover letter, a writing sample, and academic transcripts in one PDF document with “Student Fellow Application (Technology) + Your Name” in the email subject to both Annie Cantara (acantara@paulsoninstitute.org) and AJ Cortese (acortese@paulsoninstitute.org).

We accept applications on a rolling basis. Incomplete and late application materials will not be considered. Selected applicants will be invited to interviews. No phone calls please.

About MacroPolo:

MacroPolo is the Paulson Institute's think tank. Based in Chicago, our team of experts and creators provides incisive analysis, creative research products, and insightful multimedia and digital content. Our deliberately focused approach centers on three core areas: political economy, technology, and energy. We focus on both China and cross-cutting themes and global dynamics.

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