Datu Research is a global consulting firm that provides clients the analysis they need to inform strategies to protect natural resources, improve food security, and develop local economies. Founded by former analysts of Duke University’s Center on Globalization, Governance & Competitiveness, Datu specializes in finding points of economic leverage within a supply chain to stimulate adoption of sustainable best practices. Our client services include value chain analysis, impact assessment, economic case studies, meeting design and facilitation, and custom data visualization. We use a combination of desk and field research, including surveys, interviews, and focus groups.

Our team is growing rapidly. We seek two full-time contract research analysts to join our Durham, NC office. Each analyst will initially support two current Datu projects and will help shape future Datu work according to his or her skills and interests.

It is highly likely that one or both new hires will become permanent full-time employees within the first three months of the 6-month contract period.

Under the supervision of the project leads, each research analyst will work on one or two main projects: 1) to provide research, meeting facilitation, and data visualization for the Soil Renaissance, an international effort to make soil health the cornerstone of land use management decisions; and 2) to help develop a series of 3-year economic case studies of U.S. farming and ranching operations that use no-till and cover cropping to preserve soil health. These two projects will involve close teamwork with experienced Datu researchers. Each new hire will also contribute to proposal development for grants and cooperative agreements as needed and will be encouraged to pursue topics that most interest them. International experience is particularly valued, but not required.

**Required qualifications:**

- Master’s degree or higher in environment, public policy, economics, or related subject
- Demonstrated excellent secondary research skills, using wide variety of sources and tools
- Ability to develop and execute work-plans, handle multiple tasks simultaneously, and set priorities
- High productivity with strong attention to detail and a commitment to excellence
- Ability to collect and organize large amounts of data and distill into essential findings
- Minimum two years of work experience in a demanding, results-oriented environment

**Highly desirable but not required:**

- International experience
Experience in global value chain research
International fieldwork or relevant experience
Professional meeting facilitation skills
Demonstrated professional interest in food, agriculture, and/or fisheries
Experience with agricultural finance, farm budgets, and agricultural economics
Expertise in mapping and data visualization tools
Experience conducting primary research such as interviews and focus groups

Application deadline: Friday, May 8, 2015
Target start date: Monday, June 8, 2015

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