



## STudent REseArch Mobility Programme (STREAM) Project proposal

**Host University:**  
Universität Zurich

**Field:**  
Economics, Political Science, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Law, Business and administration

**Specified field, subject:**  
Development Aid and Conflict

**Research project title:**  
Explaining the resurgence of the Taliban

**Possible starting month(s):**

Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Fev	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
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**Possible duration in months:**

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*Exact starting and end dates will be discussed between the supervisor and the student*

**Suitable for students in:**     Bachelor level     Master level

**Prerequisites:**

Suitable for economics students and students of political science or related disciplines with an interest in quantitative work. Knowledge of Excel and statistical software like R or Stata would be a plus.

**Restrictions:**  
NONE

**Description (maximum 2,000 characters):**

Development aid and conflict: Billions of dollars per year are spent on development aid, but many people claim that as an unintended side effect aid payments fuel conflict in developing countries. However, the evidence is scarce and the causal links remain unclear. We use novel datasets that have geocoded all development projects by the World Bank and by China and combine them with the exact locations of different conflict types to better understand this question. The project will enable students to learn about development aid and the sources of conflict, and also greatly improve their skills in using different programs necessary to answer this question. They will be directly involved in the research process and become integrated members of the team. Number of available places: 2 per semester.

*Note: Research project may be adapted according to the student profile and the period/timeline.*



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**Faculty and/or Department:**  
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**Deadline for nomination to reach host university:**  
Ongoing

**Notification of admission given by the end of:**  
Given within 4 weeks

**Additional information:**  
NA



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