

Statement of Interest

I write this statement to express my interest in the World Bank internships. I have the appropriate experience and skills to be part of your team. I am currently a first-year student in the Master of Public Administration and International Development at Harvard Kennedy School and previously I worked for four years in multilateral organizations such as the Inter-American Development Bank and the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

I have relevant experience for your team. During my work at the IDB, I was the only member of the Education division in El Salvador during the execution of multiple technical cooperation projects (more than 2 million USD) and the preparation of a loan for early childhood development (150 million USD). The latter was designed in conjunction with the World Bank. Also, I participate in the preparation of a regional initiative and in relevant research of the division.

Because I know very well how development banks work, I have always admired the work carried out by the World Bank and I consider that it is an important entity for the development of the poorest countries due to its dual role of providing financing and knowledge to make public policies. I would like to work closely with experts to support them with their projects in reducing poverty and inequality. My experience working with clients such as Governments / NGOs and my knowledge in international development, economics and statistics could be very useful for your team.

What I can offer your team is, mainly: (1) I have solid quantitative skills to carry out economic research and analysis, I have worked in research with multidisciplinary teams to develop public policies; (2) I know very well the challenges of economic and social development that poor countries face, not only my experience and my education have allowed me to know the challenges of development but also to grow in a country with so many needs and deficiencies such as El Salvador; (3) my experience has given me a clear idea of the role that development agencies play. In addition, I consider my studies have given me the quantitative and research skills necessary to produce relevant knowledge for public policy; I have constantly worked to synthesize key research messages and preparing effective presentations for clients and wide audiences.

In the future I would like to continue working in multilateral organizations, I am interested in contributing with my knowledge to the development of public policies in emerging economies. If you have any questions about my application, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would like to discuss my experience and the opportunities available to me, with you.

Thanks for your consideration,
Eleno Castro