

Application Form

IZA/DFID Short Course on Program Evaluation

Kathmandu, Nepal: December 7-8, 2019

Background: The IZA/DFID Program on Growth and Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries is sponsoring a conference on "**Labor Markets in South Asia**" on December 5-6, 2019.

This will be followed by a two-day "**IZA/DFID Short Course on Program Evaluation**" on December 7-8. The course is designed for postgraduate students, faculty members, and early career researchers in government and non-governmental organizations who would like to develop their skills in program evaluation using the latest econometric methods.

The course will consist of four half-day sessions and will cover the following topics: Design and analysis of randomized controlled trials; propensity score matching methods; difference-in-difference estimators; regression discontinuity designs. The focus will be on application of these methods to the evaluation of labor market related programs, including skills training programs, especially in South Asia.

Participants from abroad who are selected for the course will be provided with accommodation including breakfast from December 4-9 (5 nights) and food according to the program of the conference and short course. All economy class travel expenses will be reimbursed according to the IZA reimbursement guidelines. Participants who are selected will be required to be in attendance for the full period, including the conference on December 5-6, 2019. The target class size is 40 participants. The course is intended for participants from low-income countries. In particular, priority will be given to participants based in institutions in South Asia who are involved in the design, implementation, or analysis of training programs, or plan to be involved in the future. The course and the conference will be conducted in English.

Due date: September 15, 2019

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Other names used: _____

Postal Address: _____

Place of employment or study: _____

Department/Faculty: _____

Position Title: _____

Telephone number(s): _____

E-mail address: _____

Gender:

Female Male

Please fill out the questions below about your background knowledge and skills.

Please make an estimate of your knowledge of each of the topics by checking the appropriate box:

Mathematics and Economics					
	None	Weak	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong
Basic College Mathematics					
Calculus					
Mathematical Statistics					
Probability Theory					
Basic Microeconomics					
Labor Economics					

Statistics					
	None	Weak	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong
Descriptive Statistics					
Simple Linear Regression					
Multiple Regression					
Panel Analysis					

Computing					
	None	Weak	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong
STATA					
SPSS					
SAS					
Spreadsheets (e.g. Excel)					
Basic Programming					

Please describe your current position. If you are a student please describe your institution, degree program, areas of specialization, and future career plans. If you are in a faculty position please describe your institution, department, your duties, and your research experience. If you are a researcher or staff member in a governmental or non-governmental organization please describe your institution, your position, your duties, and your research experience. (300 words maximum)

Please describe any experience you have in the design, implementation, or evaluation of training programs. (300 words maximum)

Please describe any other experience that is relevant to the course, including involvement in design or analysis of other types of programs. (300 words maximum)

Please tell us what you hope to accomplish by taking the course (300 words maximum)

Please confirm the following:

If accepted I confirm that I will be able to be present for the conference and course in Kathmandu, Nepal from December 4 through December 9, 2019.

___ Yes, I confirm

Application check list:

- **This application form**
- **CV**
- **Optional letter of reference from an adviser or supervisor (for employees of governmental and non-governmental organizations it is helpful to have a letter from a supervisor confirming that you will be given time off to attend the course)**

All applications must be received by September 15, 2019. Notification of acceptance will be sent by e-mail by October 15, 2019. All application materials must be submitted via the application portal.