

Are you a **young academic researcher** working on **good governance** or **corruption** issues?

Would you like to help **build** the first global anti-corruption research **community**, share your **ideas** and literature finds with a **global** audience, **network** with peers and practitioners from all around the world?

**Transparency International**, the global movement leading the fight against corruption, is **looking for** young researchers as contributing **editors** for its new anti-corruption research network (**ACORN**)!

## **What is ACORN?**

ACORN seeks to bridge the gap between corruption research and anti-corruption practice. It will make academic research on corruption and good governance more visible and accessible to practitioners and at the same time ensure that the expertise and experience from 'the field' more strongly inform the design and focus of anti-corruption research.

The core of ACORN will consist of a dynamic collaborative online platform where contributing editors present the latest anti-corruption research in blog style and anti-corruption researchers can share datasets, discuss research questions, invitation to workshops and announce funding and employment opportunities. Founded by Transparency International, the leading independent anti-corruption research and advocacy NGO with a global network of close to hundred country chapters, ACORN is envisaged to become the preeminent global platform to network academic anti-corruption researchers from different disciplines and make their work more accessible to policy makers.

## **Who are we looking for?**

You are enthusiastic about using rigorous analysis to understand and tackle corruption. You actively participate in the intellectual debate in your field, travel the academic conference circuit and are aware of promising new ideas and insights as they emerge, not two years later when they finally appear in a book.

You can confidently appraise methodological and theoretical subtleties, but, most importantly, you also have an excellent sense for the bigger picture: how different perspectives fit together and how new findings matter for policy-making. The latter also means that you are a skilled communicator who can translate academic jargon into accessible, engaging prose for an audience of anti-corruption practitioners and scholars from other disciplines.

More specifically, we intend to put together an interdisciplinary and international group of editors that have the following profile:

- **Background:** political science, business, sociology, law, anthropology or other related disciplines
- **Focus of work:** corruption and good governance issues in the broadest sense: from petty corruption to patronage and policy capture, from measuring corruption to understanding it, assessing and testing anti-corruption tools, from developing to developed countries
- **Level:** graduate students, post-docs or young professors: a finger at the pulse of the latest research and academic anti-corruption debates is the most important criteria

## What are you supposed to do and what does TI offer?

- **Required time input:** very limited. You will compile between one to three blog-style posts on new anti-corruption research per month, based on the literature scan and conference participation that you do for your own research anyway
- **Benefits for you:** you will be part of a select group of contributing editors whose names and profiles are prominently visible on the ACORN platform. You will help shape the visibility of corruption research, get the opportunity to share your ideas, raise your profile in the anti-corruption research community and network with practitioners and experts from all around the world.

TI is unable to provide a honorarium for this assignment, but – depending on funding – will invite contributing editors to participate in its bi-annual International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC), the premier international conference in the field, with more than 1500 participants. The next IACC will be held in Bangkok in the second half of 2010.

## How can you apply?

Please send a

### **CV and brief cover letter**

that explains your research interests with regard to corruption issues

to:

**Acorneditor@transparency.org**

by

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Due to the high volume of applications that TI usually receives, we ask for your understanding that only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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