

## **POSTDOCTORAL POSITION CALL**

### **COLOMBIAN ORGANIZED CRIME OBSERVATORY**

Universidad del Rosario - InSight Crime

Institution: Universidad del Rosario  
Location: Bogotá, Colombia  
Type of employment: Full-time  
Position period: January 2020 - December 2021

Organized crime is one of the greatest threats to security in Latin America and has had a significant impact in terms of violence, corruption and institutional weakening. In turn, Colombia is undergoing a critical period in the implementation of the peace agreement signed between the national government and FARC-EP in November 2016. Both cases underscore the need to design long-term strategies that transcend electoral cycles and that guarantee an effective fight against organized criminal activity.

In alliance with InSight Crime, the Colombian Organized Crime Observatory was created to address the challenges posed by transnational organized crime to public security in Latin America, and to support the peacebuilding efforts that are underway in Colombia. The main objective of the Observatory is to analyze the most important trends, dynamics and networks of transnational organized crime in Colombia and Latin America, and their impact on violence, citizen security and the state's functioning in the region.

The School of Political Science, Government and International Relations of Universidad del Rosario (Bogotá, Colombia), one of the most prestigious institutions of higher education in Latin America, is seeking out applications to join the Colombian Organized Crime Observatory as a Post-Doctoral Researcher.

#### **Who can apply?**

Candidates must have obtained their PhD from 2015 onward in the fields of Political Science, Economics, International Relations, Sociology and other related areas.

Candidates must have certifiable experience in research and interest in the following research areas or related topics:

- Transnational organized crime and illicit flows
- Illegal economies
- Strategic alliances between organized criminal groups in Colombia, Latin America and the world
- Comparative analysis of organized crime activity, territorial control and authority in Colombia and Latin America
- Relationship between organized crime and politics
- Corruption

#### **Terms of the post-doctoral researcher appointment:**

- The post-doctoral researcher will be hired for one year, renewable for one additional year, starting in January 2020 (40 hours per week).

- The post-doctoral researcher will teach one undergraduate or graduate course per year in her/his research areas.
- Active participation in institution-building and outreach activities on behalf of the Colombian Organized Crime Observatory will be expected.
- Collaborative work with Insight Crime's group of experts, the Colombian Organized Crime Observatory and in general with the teaching and research staff of Universidad del Rosario will be encouraged.
- Applied research exercises and field trips with the Colombian Organized Crime Observatory will be available.
- The monthly salary for 2019 corresponds to \$7,950,400 Colombian pesos. This value will be adjusted in 2020 according to the CPI (consumer price index).
- A workspace in the School of Political Science, Government and International Relations of Universidad del Rosario will be provided.
- Access to the Resources Center for Learning and Research- CRAI - at Universidad del Rosario will be provided.

#### **What is required to apply?**

- Letter of motivation
- Curriculum vitae
- Research article or text
- Two letters of recommendation with a current date. The reference letters must be sent directly by the recommenders to the same e-mail address within the established deadline (arleneb.tickner@urosario.edu.co)
- Proposed course syllabus
- Proof of proficiency in a second language (English, IELTS certificate and TOEFL; Spanish, DELE certificate and SIELE)

Applications documents can be submitted in English or Spanish, and should be sent as PDF attachments to Arlene B. Tickner, Director of Research at the Faculty of Political Science, Government and International Relations, at arleneb.tickner@urosario.edu.co by 6 October, 2019.

#### **Timeline**

ACTIVITY	DATE
Call Opens	July 9, 2019
Call Closes	October 6, 2019
Interviews of selected candidates	October 20 to 25, 2019
Notification of chosen candidate	November 2, 2019
Submission of contract documents	November 4 to 16, 2019
Contract signing	November 18 to 6 December 6, 2019
Contract duration	January 13, 2020 to 17 December 17, 2021

#### **Contact information:**

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