

Public Opinion of Chinese Media in Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, and Senegal

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Position 1: News Analysis Intern – Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, and Senegal

The Office of Opinion Research in the Department of State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR/OPN) conducts analysis of foreign publics' opinions in all regions of the world, provides intelligence support to Department principals, and conducts public opinion polls and research to gauge foreign attitudes towards economic, social, and political issues. INR/OPN wants to learn more about how both members of the media and news consumers in Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, and Senegal understand and engage with foreign media operating in their countries. To answer this question, INR/OPN will conduct a series of focus groups, key informant interviews, and nationwide surveys in these four countries starting in early 2021.

The intern will support the research team with understanding how foreign media operates in either Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, or Senegal; identifying examples of stories written or produced by foreign actors; developing study instruments such as focus group discussion guides, interview guides, and survey questions; and making recommendations for study design and pre-analysis plans. The intern will have the opportunity to engage with and present their work to stakeholders at the Department of State as well as the broader intelligence community.

INR/OPN will work with the selected candidate to structure the internship according to the candidate's areas of interest and the project's goals

Qualifications:

- Experience in qualitative and/or quantitative research
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Interest or experience in East, West, or Southern Africa
- Proficiency in French, Portuguese, Hausa, Nigerian Pidgin, or Swahili is an advantage but not required

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Number of interns: 4

Desired start date: Rolling

Commitment: 10 to 12 weeks; minimum 10 hours per week

Position 2: Qualitative Analysis Intern – Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, and Senegal

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The intern will support the research team by analyzing transcripts from focus groups and key informant interviews from Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, or Senegal; analyzing quantitative survey data; identifying themes that emerged from the primary data collection; and assisting with writing reports and preparing presentation materials. The intern will have the opportunity to engage with and present their work to stakeholders at the Department of State as well as the broader intelligence community.

INR/OPN will work with the selected candidate to structure the internship according to the candidate's areas of interest and the project's goals

Qualifications:

- Experience in quantitative and/or qualitative research
- Familiarity with content analysis or other qualitative analysis techniques is an advantage but not required
- Proficiency with quantitative data analysis software (e.g., STATA, SAS, SPSS, R) is an advantage but not required
- Interest or experience in East, West, or Southern Africa
- Strong written and oral communication skills

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Number of interns: 5

Desired start date: June, July, or August 2021

Commitment: 10 to 12 weeks; minimum 10 hours per week