The Carter Center is guided by a fundamental commitment to promote human rights, alleviate human suffering, enhance freedom and democracy, and improve health conditions. The Center seeks a highly qualified, motivated, and energetic consultant to the Center’s US Elections Project.

Start date: As soon as possible, with potential travel

Location: Remote

Length of Assignment: December 2022 with possibility of extension

The Democracy Program at The Carter Center works globally to support democratic elections and strengthen participatory democracy, consistent with human rights. Beginning in 2020, The Carter Center began efforts to support good elections in the U.S. There are multiple key aspects to this project, contributing to electoral reform, promoting candidate codes of conduct and establishing nonpartisan observation efforts.

The Carter Center is seeking a highly qualified Electoral Information Environment Specialist to work on the Center’s US election advisory team under the guidance of the Democracy Program staff. The Electoral Information Environment Specialist will assess and analyze key issues affecting women, the disabled, and disenfranchised groups in the United States. The Electoral Information Environment Specialist will contribute to public and private statements concerning the electoral information environment.

Primary responsibilities of the Electoral Information Environment Specialist include:

- Conduct analysis of the social media and media landscape in Arizona and Michigan, and produce written assessment report that includes:
  - The main social media platforms being used in each state;
  - An overview of the major media actors and influencers;
  - An overview of the most trusted sources of information;
  - Concerns regarding how social media is used;
  - An assessment and overview of other organizations already conducting social media and MDM monitoring activities with whom the Center and our partners could collaborate; and
  - The regulatory environment regarding freedom of speech, disinformation, hate speech, data protection and privacy, political finance, and online advertising
  - An assessment of the unique value added of any MDM/Social media monitoring efforts;
  - A plan for monitoring of the November general elections in each state that includes
    - An analysis of potential tools such as Hamilton Dashboard, Junkipedia, Crowd Tangle, etc. and recommendation for which tools should be used and plan for how they should be incorporated
    - A recommended, detailed workplan for the time period leading up to elections, during elections, and post elections
Following initial assessment:

- If a larger team of analysts is determined necessary, oversee additional analysts for each state;
- Track main political and social discourses in the main social media platforms, prior to, during, and after specific election events;
- Produce accurate and timely written reports as well as contribute to drafting of reports with findings and assessments of the use of social media during the elections and its impact, highlighting key challenges and incidents, and assessing the findings against international standards and best practices;
- Draft an internal lessons-learned document regarding the monitoring of social media in the US environment, including recommendations and guidelines for future election observation missions;
- Participate in meetings on behalf of the Center where necessary;
- Contribute to any relevant output produced by The Carter Center in relation to the November general elections. This could include a report, press release, op-eds, presentations, webinar or live event, etc.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Degree in political science, journalism, data science or related field.
- Experience conducting media monitoring activities, notably with a focus on disinformation, hate speech or online harassment.
- Expertise in one or more of the following subject areas – disinformation, hate speech, online harassment, computational propaganda, and dark political advertising.
- Understanding of Democratic Election Standards, particularly related to Freedom of Expression, Opinion and Participation.
- Minimum of 1 year management experience.
- Good written and verbal communications skills.
- Understanding of R and /or Python and familiarity with APIs.
- Knowledge of data science and / or statistical principles a plus.
- Experience with CrowdTangle a plus.
- Fast learner, self-starter, adaptable.
- High level of comfort learning on the go.

Please upload a cover letter, at least 3 references, and a CV to: https://airtable.com/shr9Ut0Z5KljiG14V
Only applications submitted at the above site will be considered.

Deadline for submissions:
Applications accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Interested parties are encouraged to submit their application as soon as possible.

Only those candidates selected for an interview or additional consideration will be notified by the Center. No separate emails, phone calls, or in-person contacts, please.