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Attn: Officer In-Charge  
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Dear Sir/Madam

MA in Policy Economics

- Center for Development Economics at Williams College

The Center for Development Economics (CDE) at Williams College has invited applications for the Master's Degree programme for the period of August 2018 to June 2019. The deadline for the application submission is 01<sup>st</sup> December 2017. A copy of the information document in this regard is attached.

Therefore, you are kindly requested to circulate this letter among the all agencies which are coming under the preview of your Ministry and encourage all qualified officials to apply for this programme. For more detailed information including application forms and guidelines, pl. visit the website at <http://cde.williams.edu/>. The entrance examination will be done by the Department of External Resources (ERD) in collaboration with the Williams College USA. The date of the examination will be informed later.

Pl. kindly note that, candidates are responsible for securing their own financial support for studies at the CDE. The CDE will work with individual governments and sponsoring agencies to assist in this process whenever possible. In addition, limited scholarship funds are available directly from Williams College. All admitted applicants are considered for those scholarship. (100% of students in the class of 2017-2018 have received partial or full scholarships from various sources including Williams College).

Applicants are also required to submit us the copies of the documents and ERD form 2 with the recommendation of the line Ministry for future requirements.

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Your cooperation in this regard is greatly appreciated

Yours faithfully

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# MA in Policy Economics

## Center for Development Economics

### Williams College



Since 1960, the Center for Development Economics (CDE) at Williams College has offered an intensive, 10-month master's degree program designed for economists from emerging market and developing countries with practical experience in the public sector. The academic program lasts from mid-August through early-June each year. The goal of the program is to provide students with a thorough understanding of the development process, emphasizing analytical techniques helpful to policymakers. The result is an effective mix of theory and policy application that enables students to be more objective in their home environment.

Over the years, the MA program has trained more than 1300 students from over 110 countries in an intellectual and residential atmosphere that is rigorous yet supportive and friendly. Individual graduates have risen to the highest levels of government service in their countries, including prime minister, finance minister, central bank governor, and ambassador.

Candidates for the MA program should include those with strong first degrees in economics or related fields. They must have demonstrated responsibility early in their careers in central banks, ministries of finance, or other key economic ministries, as well as in other institutions focused on development issues. Proficiency in English is necessary. The admissions process is highly selective, as we receive several hundred applications for a maximum of thirty places each year.

Admitted students in the MA program at Williams College have been highly successful in securing funding for their studies from external scholarship programs, from training funds managed within their governments, and directly from Williams College. We work closely with our admitted students to help them identify and apply for scholarships.

Williams College is one of the most prestigious academic institutions in the United States. In each of the past nine years Forbes Magazine has ranked Williams as one of the top ten American universities and colleges, ahead of many of the country's best known institutions (<http://www.forbes.com/top-colleges/list/>).

The CDE faculty all hold Ph.D. degrees from many of the top institutions in the U.S. and around the world. They have extensive country experience having either lived in a number of countries or worked for major organizations such as the World Bank, the IMF and USAID. In addition they have consulted with many ministries of finance throughout the world. Small classes in the MA program allow for individual attention from a faculty that is readily available to meet with students outside the scheduled class time.

For more information, as well as application materials, please visit our website at:

<http://cde.williams.edu/>

or write to us at [CDEadmissions@williams.edu](mailto:CDEadmissions@williams.edu) or 1065 Main Street, Williamstown, MA 01267 USA