Overview:
The Center for Social Impact Learning (CSIL) is a premier action learning and research institution focusing on the social impact of business and financial investment, specifically in the areas of social enterprise and impact investment management and mainstream business perspectives and decisions regarding the long-term impacts of today’s actions. CSIL serves a full spectrum of budding social entrepreneurs offering them valuable and practical learning experiences as well as a launch-pad for an impact driven career.

The Domestic Microfinance Director will report directly to the CSIL Director and be specifically responsible for researching and developing a community-based microfinance fund in the community of Salinas. The ideal candidate should have a basic understanding of the field of microfinance, resourceful research capabilities, strong inter-personal communication skills with a broad cross-section of the socio-economic-political populace, conversational Spanish, and basic community organizing experience.

Responsibilities include:
- Research domestic microfinance programs regarding relevant structures, functions, and methodologies as well as Salinas history and current developments;
- Connect with the Stockton Impact Corps;
- Arrange meetings to discuss the potential for microfinance program with a broad range of Salinas representatives for direct input: community-based non-profit organizations, church groups, civic groups, community coalitions like CASP, youth organizations, and local government officials;
- Make presentations on community microfinance programs to local gatherings and forums and respond to questions;
- Become knowledgeable in establishing a community-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization designation (with assistance from CSIL Director and Stockton Impact Corps);
- Explore funding opportunities including crowd sourcing;
- Investigate possible local banking collaboration;
- Recruit volunteers from the Salinas community;
- Liaise with MIIS MBA faculty and students to provide basic business literacy classes and follow-up to prospective microfinance clients;
- Act as MIIS/CSIL representative to the Lend for America consortium

Preferred Qualifications:
- Basic knowledge of microfinance
- Project development skills acquired through academic and experiential learning opportunities
- Community-organizing skills and experience
- Conversational level of Spanish
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- Strong inter-personal and multi-cultural communication skills and ability to work effectively with diverse community interest groups
- Public speaking ability that is both engaging and inspiring; ability to make public presentations before diverse groups of community representatives and respond to questions spontaneously
- Proven research skills and precise writing ability
- Some knowledge of fundraising and open to learning more with training
- Resourcefulness and ingenuity
- Ability to self-organize and motivate others
- Confident in setting deadlines and ensuring accountability and compliance
- Proven managerial skills
- Be innovative and take risks!

15-20 hours per week; flexible hours

To Apply: Please send a cover letter and resume in PDF format to Jerry Hildebrand at ghildebrand@miis.edu. Use “Domestic Microfinance Director” as the subject line.

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