

Summer Research Assistant

Who We Are

Crime Lab New York seeks to improve our understanding of how to reduce crime and violence by helping government agencies and non-profit organizations rigorously evaluate promising policies and interventions to make them as informative as possible. We do this in a variety of ways. Our team is developing a portfolio of randomized controlled trials (RCTs) to generate new evidence about what works, for whom, and why, and to conduct benefit-cost analyses of different interventions to enable policymakers to prioritize resources for the combination of strategies that achieve the greatest social good per dollar spent. Crime Lab New York also develops predictive tools that leverage insights from computer science and machine learning to better allocate resources city-wide. We evaluate ways to help make the criminal justice system more effective and fair, while also identifying tools from social policy, education, and behavioral economics to prevent crime from happening in the first place and to improve outcomes for the most disadvantaged populations.

Located in downtown New York City close to City Hall, Crime Lab New York also provides extensive pro bono technical assistance to government agencies looking for rigorous data analysis and research support. The nature of our work as partners with city agencies requires adjusting to the pace of policymakers' work. Although this way of working is atypical for most research organizations, it gives us an unprecedented opportunity to partner with policymakers to help them maximize the positive impact of policies and programs that can improve lives.

Crime Lab New York is part of the University of Chicago's Urban Labs, a set of highly synergistic labs focused on undertaking inquiry and having impact on five essential dimensions of urban life: crime, education, health, poverty, and energy & environment. To learn more about Crime Lab New York, visit: <https://urbanlabs.uchicago.edu/labs/crime-new-york>.

Role

Crime Lab New York is seeking undergraduate and graduate summer Research Assistants to assist with a range of activities including literature reviews, data entry, reviewing and cleaning data, statistical analysis, and report writing, formatting, and editing. Research Assistants may also perform other duties as assigned. This is a great opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of policy research and to develop research skills. The position will be full-time for approximately 40 hours per week for 10-weeks.

Experience and Qualifications

- Significant progress towards a degree in a social science discipline such as economics, public policy, statistic, etc., with a strong background in mathematics and statistics required
- Interest in and aptitude for developing advanced programming and analytic skills for working with administrative data
- Experience with at least one statistical package; STATA or R experience strongly preferred.
- Strong attention to detail with good organization skills required

- Experience or knowledge of urban policy/criminal justice issues a plus
- Self-motivated; ability to work independently and manage ongoing tasks on tight timelines
- Responsive to email
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Ability to work well with research teams in a collaborative environment

To Apply

Submit resume, cover letter, and a short writing sample to Workday, requisition **JR00678**.

If you have questions about the Workday application system, please contact:

https://uchicago.service-now.com/sso?id=ssc_sc_cat_item&sys_id=cf359d671316660030c0bc0cf3244b02d.

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