

Role: Qualitative Research Assistant

Who We Are:

By 2050, the global urban population will nearly double to 6.4 billion. This unprecedented growth in the global urban population creates incredible opportunities but also intensifies the most difficult problems cities face, such as concentrated poverty, crime, poor-quality schooling, and pollution. The University of Chicago founded Urban Labs to help address these challenges.

Urban Labs is 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.

Urban Labs partners with cities to identify and rigorously evaluate the policies and programs with the greatest potential to improve human lives at scale. Urban Labs' evidence-based approach gives policymakers and practitioners the knowledge they need to effectively achieve the greatest social good per dollar spent.

In sum, UChicago Urban Labs:

- Uses research and evidence to understand how cities can work better
- Tests the most promising, cost-effective policies and programs
- Works with civic partners to implement and evaluate solutions in real time
- Scales solutions to cities across the country and around the world

For more information about the UChicago Urban Labs, go to <http://urbanlabs.uchicago.edu/>. The University of Chicago is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Role:

The University of Chicago Poverty Lab is hiring a temporary Qualitative Research Assistant to assist with data collection and coding for our Opportunity Youth focus groups. These data will be used to better understand how female Opportunity Youth navigate barriers to education and employment. Observations will take place in various non-profit sites across the city.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Take notes during focus groups
- Serve dinner to participants after data collection
- Transcribe focus groups recordings
- Code and interpret data, find patterns and themes

Work Schedule:

- Available January-April (1/14/2018 - 4/1/2018)
- Available approximately 10 hours per week
- Able to travel to various sites on the South and West sides of Chicago.

Education

Current or former undergraduate or graduate student or equivalent work experience.

Experience

- Prior experience with fieldwork/data collection preferred but not required

- Prior experience with qualitative research methods preferred but not required

Competencies

- Exceptional listening and note-taking skills
- Strong attention to detail

To Apply: Please submit a resume and cover letter to Misuzu Schexnider at misuzums@uchicago.edu.