Position Title: Research Assistant (Academic Year Internship)

Who We Are:
The soaring cost of health care in the United States has created an urgent need to improve the efficacy and efficiency of the nation’s health care system. Our health care system remains compartmentalized and often fails vulnerable patients—particularly those with multiple chronic health problems—in addition to straining government resources. Health care reform has created exciting new opportunities in health care access and health care delivery, but policymakers and practitioners are still working to understand how it can sustainably and reliably improve health outcomes for underserved populations including the homeless, the elderly, and those in the criminal justice system.

The Health Lab leverages rigorous research methods such as randomized controlled trials, large datasets, and partnerships with government agencies and nonprofits to test novel health care delivery models and improve public health outcomes for underserved populations in Chicago and beyond.

For more information about the UChicago Health Lab, go to [https://urbanlabs.uchicago.edu/labs/health](https://urbanlabs.uchicago.edu/labs/health).

The Role:
The Boulevard provides medical respite care to more than 300 adults experiencing homelessness a year who have an acute medical illness or injury. It offers short-term housing, an on-site medical clinic, and comprehensive wraparound services to help clients restore their health, break the cycle of homelessness, and rebuild their lives. The University of Chicago Urban Labs (UL) is partnering with The Boulevard to conduct a randomized control trial to better understand the impact of respite care on clients’ housing, health, and criminal justice outcomes. We are seeking a Research Assistant to provide foundational support to help launch the pilot for this study, including the opportunity to work onsite at the Boulevard to enhance their data collecting practices and assist with the implementation of key study procedures. This position will be part-time for approximately 15 hours per week. Please note that our office is located in downtown Chicago at 33 N. LaSalle Street.

Responsibilities:
- Policy research and analysis
- Literature reviews
- Project development
- Data entry, reviewing and cleaning
- Statistical analysis
- Writing, formatting, and editing reports and works for dissemination
- Administrative tasks

Competencies:
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills with the ability to synthesize multiple sources required.
- Strong interpersonal skills are required.
- Strong initiative and a resourceful approach to problem-solving and learning are required.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team required.
- Sound critical thinking skills required.
- Strong attention to detail with superb organization skills required.
- Superb analytic skills and attention to detail are required.
- Knowledge of the substantive policy area strongly preferred.

**Education:**
- High School Diploma Required
- Significant progress towards a degree in a social science discipline such as economics, public policy, etc., with coursework in basic research concepts and methods preferred.

**Technical Knowledge or Skills:**
- Basic data analysis skills, with the ability to use Excel, SAS, STATA, or SPSS strongly preferred. Proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite required.

**To Apply:** please submit a resume, cover letter, and references to requisition number JR06501 using the workday application system.

If you have questions about the Workday application system, please contact: https://uchicago.service-now.com/sso?id=ssc_sc_cat_item&sys_id=cf359d671316660030c0bcaf3244b02d.

If you have an active UChicago Workday employee account, you will need to complete the Internal Candidate application process. Internal Candidate instructions: Log into Workday and select the career worklet.

External Candidates should apply to the specific Lab(s) at https://uchicago.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/External

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