Research Assistant (Temporary Position) Job Listing

We are looking to hire a summer research assistant to work closely with Professor Jens Ludwig and Sociology doctoral student Megan Kang on our research for a book on crime and social policy. This position would be ideal for an undergraduate or graduate-level student interested in pursuing a career in social science research, policy evaluation, or possibly journalism. It offers an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of social science research and develop research skills.

This paid position will be full-time for approximately 37.5 hours per week during the summer, with the possibility of part-time work during the spring and fall of 2020. The option of working in the Crime Lab’s downtown Chicago office (33 N. La Salle St.) or remote is fine.

For more information about the UChicago Urban Labs, go to urbanlabs.uchicago.edu.

Responsibilities:
- Create literature reviews on economic, sociological, psychological, and policy related research
- Read and condense key insights from books and news articles covering history, crime, poverty, child development, and social policy
- Fact check our book chapters based on the research literature and news sources

We’re looking for someone with:
- Prior research experience, including familiarity reading academic papers—experience conducting original research is a plus but not necessary
- Excellent critical thinking and communication skills, particularly the ability to read and extract meaningful information from a variety of sources and convey that information cogently and concisely
- Genuine interest in Chicago history/politics, crime, and policy
- Curiosity, self-motivation, and a drive to work independently and part of a team
- Applicants who regularly enjoy reading the news and books about social issues are especially encouraged to apply!

To Apply: Please submit a resume, cover letter, and writing sample that demonstrates your research abilities to our UChicago Workday system, requisition number: JR08261

Note: When applying, all required documents MUST be uploaded under the Resume/CV section of the application.

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 position at https://uchicago wd5 myworkdayjobs.com/External/job/Illinois-Chicago/Research-Assistant--Temporary-Position- JR08261

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

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, protected veteran status or status as an individual with disability.