Internship – Education Research

Who We Are:

The Urban Labs seek to evaluate the most promising policies and programs across the domains of crime, education, energy & environment, health, and poverty to generate gold-standard evidence to support policymakers and practitioners to scale up interventions that can have a significant positive impact on human lives. Our goal is to assemble a portfolio of randomized controlled trials (RCTs) and other rigorous evaluative methods 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. For more information about the University of Chicago Urban Labs, go to http://urbanlabs.uchicago.edu/.

The Role:

This internship is a paid opportunity to assist the research of a promising high school math intervention - a daily tutoring program that provides high intensity, individualized tutoring to New York City public school students. You would be observing high school math tutoring sessions in New York City schools and completing an observation rubric about the activity you see in the classroom. These observations will be used to provide qualitative context to a study on the effect of the program. The internship is a great opportunity to learn more about policy research, particularly research related to education and pedagogy.

This role is based out of the Crime and Education Lab New York, located in downtown New York City close to City Hall, but will involve observations throughout New York City at the program sites. The intern will report directly to a Research Manager. The ideal candidate will be comfortable in an environment that requires a high level of independence.

The opportunity is for four days per month from approximately 8am to 3pm. The days are flexible; however, they must be term days in the New York City public school calendar. The opportunity will begin ASAP through June 2019, with potential for further employment in the following school year.

Competencies:

- Strong attention to detail with good organization skills required
- Self-motivated and ability to work independently
- Responsive to email
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Familiar with observational research methods (no prior experience required)

Education:

Progress towards a degree in a social science discipline.

To Apply:

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. Please submit a brief cover letter and resume to Ellen Dunn, Research Manager at edunn@uchicago.edu. The deadline for applications is 5pm on Sunday, 24 March 2019. Urban Labs is not able to provide visa sponsorship for this position. The University of Chicago is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity/Disabled/Veterans Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national or ethnic origin, age, status as an individual with a disability, protected veteran status, genetic information, or other protected classes under the law.