

# Research Associate Opportunity

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We are looking for one full-time Research Associate (RA) to help design and implement a set of online and field experiments in Bihar. The research projects are primarily in the field of development economics and are funded by the National Science Foundation, J-PAL, and Azim Premji University. The projects include:

- Bottom-up Discrimination and its Economic Consequences in Indian labor Markets (PI: Chinmaya Kumar)
- Strength in Numbers: Understanding Complaint Behavior in Rural Bihar (PIs: Chinmaya Kumar, M. R. Sharan, Aaditya Dar)

**Responsibilities:** Responsibilities include (but not limited to) the following:

- Provide inputs in experimental design
- Design and execute pilot studies to test feasibility of experimental design
- Supervise projects associates and survey enumerators
- Development of survey instruments and discussion guides
- Data cleaning and analysis
- Provide regular updates and reports to the research team
- Assist with the preparation of proposals, presentations, briefing notes and other reports for internal and external use

**Qualifications:** Undergraduate or postgraduate degree in Economics, Public Policy or other relevant disciplines.

The successful applicant would have the following skills:

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- Excellent data skills: proficient in Stata or R
- Resourceful, detail oriented and capable of taking ownership of the study
- Excellent organizational skills with demonstrated ability to prioritize assignments, maintain workflow, and work productively in meeting critical deadlines
- Capacity to multi-task—working on a variety of tasks simultaneously, independently adjusting to priorities and achieving results with agreed objectives
- Advanced computer application skills: MS Excel, Word, PowerPoint, etc., to produce high-impact visual depictions of research findings and conclusions for a diverse range of audiences and project stakeholders
- Able to work remotely and travel to the field
- Applicants with work experience (conducting randomized control trials and postgraduate degree will be preferred

***Benefits and timeline:*** This is a paid position and compensation will be commensurate with educational qualifications and work experience. This assignment is for 6 months with a possibility of an extension depending on the quality of work and performance.

***Location:*** The RA is expected to based in Bihar.

***How to apply?*** Interested candidates should email chinmaya.kumar@apu.edu.in with “RA position –BFE 2023” in the subject line.

Please attach following documents:

- CV as PDF and the filename should be in the following format: lastname\_cv.pdf (everything in lower case).
- a cover letter
- a Stata do file you wrote for your thesis/RA work/Coursework

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. We are looking to hire someone who can start soon. We may not consider applications submitted after December 7, 2023.