

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 behavioral development economics and funded by NSF, J-PAI, and Ajim Premzi 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)
- Lending a Hand: Social Identity and Performance of Economic Enterprises (PIs: Chinmaya Kumar, M. R. Sharan).

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

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

The successful applicant would have the following skills:

- 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 9 to 12 months with a possibility of an extension depending on quality of work and performance.

Location: The RA can work remotely if covid situation deteriorates but expected to based in Bihar otherwise.

How to apply? Interested candidates should email chinmayak@uchicago.edu with “RA position –BFE” 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.