

Part-time Undergrad RA Job: Criminal Justice System Research

I am a PhD candidate in economics looking to hire a part-time undergraduate RA to help with empirical projects on the US criminal justice system.

Background on research topics:

My ongoing projects focus on the following topics: bail reform policies, judge behavior/decision-making, and the evolution of algorithms and risk assessments. For an example of the type of research you'd be helping with, see [this working paper](#) or [this blog post](#).

About the job:

I am looking for an RA specifically to help out with data requests and data collection. As such, I am looking for someone who is willing to (and hopefully excited to) hop on the phone with strangers to ask questions and do some data detective work. The RA would learn a ton about the criminal justice system and would also develop communication and organizational skills that are crucial to empirical policy research (and life in general).

Logistics:

Pay is **\$14.50/hour**. I am looking for someone who is work-study eligible who can credibly commit an average of **10-12 hours per week**. The RA role is for **~9/1/19-12/31/19**, with a possible extension into spring semester. Funding comes from the HKS Multidisciplinary Inequality and Social Policy Program and will be administered by HKS's Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy.

Eligibility requirements:

Undergrad who is (1) interested in the US criminal justice system and ongoing reforms, (2) work-study eligible, and (3) can commit 10-12 hours/week (on average) from ~9/1/19-12/31/19

How to apply:

If you are interested in applying for this RA job, send me an email [apalbright@g.harvard.edu] with the subject line "RA Application". In the body of the email, please confirm that you are work-study eligible. Then, attach the following items:

1. Statement (~500 words) on why you are interested in any combination following: criminal justice system/reforms, empirical research, policy, data
2. CV
3. Unofficial transcript

Note: You do not need to be working towards any specific concentration to apply. Nor does this position require any coding experience. I am looking for undergrads who feel excited about criminal justice research and want to commit regular time to research.

Feel free to email me [apalbright@g.harvard.edu] if you have questions about the above.

Best,
Alex Albright