

Research Assistant Opportunity

Amory Gethin is looking to hire a research assistant to work on a project evaluating the role of education in reducing poverty and inequality around the world.

To apply, please send your CV to amory.gethin@gmail.com. A cover letter is not required.

Project Description

Despite significant evidence on the positive effects of better access to schooling, the overall contribution of human capital to global poverty reduction remains poorly understood in the absence of long-run, comparative data on education and earnings. This project aims to evaluate the role of educational expansion on the evolution of income differences between and within countries, drawing on a unique dataset of about 1,000 labor force surveys fielded in 140 countries since the 1980s.

Research Assistant Position

The research assistant will contribute to the survey data collection and harmonization process, as well as preliminary analysis. This will mainly involve three tasks:

1. Compiling labor survey microdata from the websites of statistical institutes and official government websites.
2. Harmonizing surveys and putting them together in a single database using Stata.
3. Preliminary analysis documenting the long-run evolution of educational inequalities and the role of educational progress in reducing poverty and inequality in each country.

Overall, the position will be a good opportunity for the research assistant to develop advanced experience in data harmonization and statistical analysis, as well as good knowledge of the data sources and methods used in labor economics and the economics of inequality.

Modalities

The modalities are flexible. The position can be part-time or full-time, depending on existing constraints and on the research assistant's preferred option. The main constraint is that the position will have to start between April and July 2023, and end before November 2023.

Qualifications

Good experience in data analysis using Stata.

Graduate student in economics, public policy, or related fields.

Interest in topics related to inequality, education, and labor economics.