**JOB DESCRIPTION**: Full-Time Research Assistant to Professor Amanda Kowalski

Positions are available at the **University of Michigan** starting in **Summer 2020**. Strong preference will be given to applicants who have potential to work for two years.

Successful candidates will collaborate closely with a research team on projects in the fields of health economics and applied econometrics. Current research focuses on combining randomized experiments with theoretical models to target health interventions to individuals most likely to benefit from them. For examples of previous research and related press coverage, see https://sites.lsa.umich.edu/amanda-kowalski/. Research assistants are involved in all stages of the research process and are expected to work independently within the scope of their responsibilities. Duties include, but are not limited to, collaborating on research design, conducting data analysis, interpreting results, training other research assistants, and drafting and editing manuscripts and presentations. Research assistants interact directly with Professor Amanda Kowalski, her co-authors, and other research assistants on a regular basis.

Candidates should have a long-term interest in pursuing research related to economics. Prior background in health economics or public finance is useful but not necessary. This position is ideal for candidates looking to develop their empirical research skills in preparation for applying to PhD programs in economics. For continuing education, research assistants have opportunities to attend weekly seminars in economics and to get feedback on their proposed research ideas. Previous research assistants have enrolled in top economics and health policy PhD programs.

Preference will be given to detail-oriented applicants with previous programming experience, particularly in working with large datasets in software such as Stata, SAS, R, or Matlab.

Salary will be competitive with other research assistant positions.

**TO APPLY**: Please email Amanda Kowalski kowalski@nber.org and Srajal Nayak srajaln@umich.edu a *single* PDF document named "Lastname_Firstname" containing the following materials:

1. A cover letter describing:
    a. Your interest in this position and how you learned about it
    b. The start and end dates during which you would be available to fill this position
    c. Your familiarity with programming languages (*e.g.* Stata, SAS, Matlab, ArcGIS)
    d. Your prior experience as a research assistant and/or with independent research projects (*e.g.* a thesis or other research project)
    e. A previous experience that involved working in a team environment
    f. Whether you are eligible to work in the United States
    g. Names, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers of 2-3 references (letters not required)
2. A current CV
3. All relevant undergraduate and graduate transcripts (unofficial is fine)
4. An original research paper (if available)


Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. This posting was updated on June 11, 2020. It will be taken down promptly in the event that all positions have been filled, so there is no need to inquire if positions are still available.