Nikhilla Bhuvana Sundar

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SUMMARY

Driven research professional with a focus on econometric analysis and impact evaluations who is adept at designing experimental and quasi experimental methods. Proficient in STATA & R with an ability to analyse large and complex cross-sectional and longitudinal datasets to produce actionable insights.

EDUCATION

• Yale University

New Haven, CT

MA in International & Development Economics

May 2024

Activities: Elected department representative to the Graduate Student Assembly

Relevant Coursework: Econometrics & Economic Development Policy in the 21st Century

• OP Jindal Global University

Haryana, India

BA(Hons.) in Liberal Arts & Humanities, Major in Economics; GPA: 3.98/4

Awards: Dean's List(2019 - 20), Best Leadership (2018 - 19)

August 2021

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

• Yale Economic Growth Centre

New Haven, CT

Research Assistant (for Prof Ardina Hasanbasri)

November 2023 - Present

- Employed time series analysis using STATA on Indonesian Labor Force Survey to establish job market transition dynamics of rural women pre & post pandemic
- Conducted a systematic literature review to identify prevalent work history patterns among women in developing countries, with a focus on Indonesia, as part of a project aimed at quantifying the impact of parenthood on labor market outcomes using difference-in-difference methodology
- Reviewed and refined over three versions of manuscripts and policy briefs, offering meticulous edits and enhancements for clarity and coherence

• Centre for Effective Governance of Indian States

Chennai, India

 $Program\ Assistant$

June 2022 - July 2023

- Provided key metrics and requirements for the development of dashboards for 40+ program components to the Management Information System team at the School Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu.
- Documented intra-departmental administrative data utilization practices, outlining how stakeholders such as teachers, district, and state authorities leverage data to inform decision-making, including the type and frequency of usage
- Developed 150+ targeted list of metrics for dashboards and logged 400+ defects to improve quality of visualisations to enable timely monitoring of student learning progress

• deAsra Foundation

Remote

 $Research\ Assistant$

July 2021 - September 2021

- Conducted an impact study for the foundation's initiative on credit assistance to nano enterprises that included collaboration with Professor Yugank Goyal
- Examined, visualized and executed logistic regression on 4000+ applicant data points using R software to determine predictors of credit eligibility
- Co-authored an Op-Ed piece on the findings of this research for the Live Mint newspaper

SKILLS

• Programming Skills: R (Advanced), STATA (Advanced), Python (Intermediate), SPSS (Intermediate) & LaTeX (Advanced)