

Position Title: Research Assistant for NSF Ethical and Responsible Research Grant

Working with Professors Melissa Graboyes and Alfredo Burlando (University of Oregon) and Edward Miguel (UC Berkeley)

Background:

Professors Graboyes, Burlando, and Miguel are looking for responsible, self-motivated, detail-oriented undergraduates and graduate students to serve as Research Assistants as part of a larger 3-year NSF grant project, *"The Ethics of Sharing Results with Research Participants: Establishing Best Practices for Development Economics."* The project investigates the ethics of how research results are returned to participants in Randomized Controlled Trials (RCTs) being run by development economists in East Africa. Working as a Research Assistant on this project is an opportunity for students to participate in inter-disciplinary, mixed-methods research that draws on development economics, African Studies, and history.

The Role:

This is an opportunity for an undergraduate or graduate student to work part-time (approximately 7-15 hours per week), with additional hours available over summer.

Successful applicants will have a good attitude, work well in groups, be reliable, be a good communicator, and be extremely conscientious in their work. The project will involve multiple faculty PIs, East African collaborators, and other RAs, thus working well with others from diverse backgrounds is essential.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Participating in research meetings,
- Conducting data entry,
- Supporting a comprehensive literature review (i.e. requesting library materials, internet searches, organizing of articles, creating and annotating bibliographies, formatting articles, and fact-checking)

As the RA develops experience, there may be the opportunity to help with more advanced tasks such as working with data, participating in presentations, and assisting with drafting academic articles. Depending on the assigned tasks, RAs may develop expertise with research-oriented software such as Stata, R, Python, Nvivo, Zotero, Scrivener, Excel, Google Suite, Adobe Suite, and Dropbox.

Interested RAs will have the opportunity to write their undergraduate theses or graduate research papers on grant-related topics under the mentorship of grant PIs.

Required Qualifications:

- Current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors at UC Berkeley and University of Oregon (must not be graduating before spring 2025)
- Current graduate students at all stages (must not be graduating before spring 2025)
- Minimum 3.0 GPA

Desired Qualifications:

- Students should have a stated interest in African Studies, East Africa, development economics, qualitative and mixed methods research, or research ethics

Strong preference for students who:

- are interested in holding the position for more than 1 year
- have past course work or internship/work experience related to African Studies, East Africa, development economics
- have Swahili language skills
- have experience in East Africa

Duration

Beginning March 2024, 7-15 hours per week during the academic year with flexible scheduling. Additional hours available over summer.

Compensation

University of Oregon compensates students at \$14.20-\$18/hour depending on experience and qualifications. University of Oregon graduate students with current GE appointments can have FTE added to a maximum of .49 FTE.

To Apply/Application Deadline:

Please send the following materials in a single PDF to Professor Melissa Graboyes with the subject line "ER2 Research Assistant Position" to graboyes@uoregon.edu by March 15:

- 1-2-page cover letter that explains your interest in this position and describes your qualifications
- 1-2-page Resume
- A recent writing sample (no more than 10 pages long) from an academic class

All applicants will be notified of a decision no later than April 15, 2024.

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