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Graduate Student Researcher Spring 2021

The Berkeley Institute for Young Americans (BIFYA) at the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley is recruiting a Graduate Student Researcher to be appointed at 50% time. The expected start date is January 11, 2021 and the recruitment will be open until filled. The level of appointment will be commensurate with the applicant's experience.

Job Description

This position provides research assistance to the research team. Responsibilities include (but are not limited to) performing quantitative analysis, organizing and maintaining databases, conducting literature searches, abstracting documents, and presenting research results.

Responsibilities

- Analyze and code quantitative data to simulate reforms to the U.S. unemployment insurance system.
- Conduct statistical analyses, including organizing and maintaining databases and preparing analyses, charts, tables, graphs, and maps.
- Perform literature searches, prepare and annotate bibliographies and abstract data source materials.
- Contact government agencies and other organizations to request data and other program information.
- Present research results. May include preparing written reports as well as presenting results in seminars and other forums.
- Exercise initiative in providing research assistance.
- Perform administrative tasks as required.

Qualifications

- Master's degree in economics, public health, public policy, psychology, sociology or a related field, or equivalent experience.
- Solid programming skills. Knowledge of Stata or another statistical package is required. Stata strongly preferred.
- Experience in quantitative analysis, along with proven analytical ability, will be important assets. Specific experience with the use of advanced techniques (e.g., multiple imputation) to resolve missing data problems is strongly preferred.
- Experience in interactive data visualization is strongly preferred.
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills and attention to detail.

The Institute

The Berkeley Institute for Young Americans (BIFYA) is a research center located at the Goldman School of Public Policy. Its goal is to make national, state, and local policy sustainable and fair across generations. The Institute's mission is to promote high-quality, non-partisan research with the aim of generating a fact-based, non-partisan discussion regarding how best to invest in future generations in order to ensure their long- term security and success.

The Project

Between mid-March and the end of May, roughly one in four Americans filed for unemployment insurance (UI). Yet this number masks the true economic impact of the pandemic: In economic downturns such as this one, research shows that some of the most vulnerable groups are the same groups left out of UI, such as working college students, low wage and tipped workers, contract workers, and some immigrants. While Congress has taken action to reformulate UI in order to respond to this crisis, these actions are temporary and do little to permanently reform a UI system that no longer serves the 21st Century workforce.

The Berkeley Institute for Young Americans is building a microsimulation model to investigate policy options to reforms to the UI system. Our work will quantify inequalities of outcomes in the existing system and structural reforms to address these inequalities.

Salary

The appointment level and salary for this position is based upon experience and qualifications. Appointments at 50% include full fee remission, in addition to the hourly salary.

Job Location

Berkeley, CA

Requirements

Documents

- Curriculum Vitae - Updated C.V.
- Cover Letter

References

- The names and contact information for two references.

How to Apply

- Send an email with all materials to youngamericans@berkeley.edu with the subject line "BIFYA Spring 2021 GSR"