

RESEARCH AREA SPECIALIST-ASSOCIATE

Job Detail

MARKET TITLE: RESEARCH AREA SPECIALIST – ASSOCIATE

WORKING TITLE: RESEARCH ASSISTANT

WORK LOCATION: Ann Arbor, MI / Remote

FULL/PART TIME: Full-Time

REGULAR/TEMPORARY: Regular

FLSA STATUS: Nonexempt

ORGANIZATIONAL GROUP: Inst Soc Research

DEPARTMENT: Population Studies Center

Job Summary

We seek a full-time Research Associate position to work on studies of [the Economics of Health Decision-Making in Mozambique](#). The Research Associate will work with Professors [Dean Yang](#) and [Tanya Rosenblat](#), and possibly other University of Michigan faculty, on a set of research projects on HIV/AIDS and COVID-19. Successful applicants will also collaborate on new research on health and economic development that stem from the ongoing research.

The Research Associate will play a key role on all aspects of our field research, data analysis, and writing. The work will include using project and field team management, data management, analysis of data, and writing and development of manuscripts for publication.

This position can serve as a bridge towards further graduate studies, such as a Ph.D., for applicants interested in empirical economics. The Research Associate will be an active member of [Development Economics @ Michigan](#), a dynamic community of scholars, and will gain exposure with the cutting edge of research in development economics.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

Under the direction of the Principal Investigator (PI), the Research Associate will engage in the following:

- *Survey Monitoring*: set up field data collection, track and clean data collection, and troubleshoot with the field team.
- *Data Science*: assist with data entry, cleaning and processing that regularly validates the quality of collected data collection and contributes to the creation of a public dataset.
- *Research*: support various research projects and statistical reports by conducting reviews of current research, analyzing data, and writing summaries of research findings.

The selected candidate will need to possess the following:

- The ability to work independently in a fast-paced environment with strong project management skills, exceptional attention to detail, and the ability to exercise sound judgment.
- Exceptional time management skills with a proven ability to multitask and prioritize to successfully complete projects on tight deadlines with little supervision.

Qualifications and Skills

Required Qualifications:

- A Bachelor's degree in a relevant field with one or more years of relevant work experience;
- Proven ability to code in Stata;
- Mastery of Microsoft Excel;
- Excellent written communication skills;
- Fluent or native in English.

Desired Qualifications (preferred but not required):

- Proficiency in Portuguese;
- Experience conducting and managing fieldwork and/or field surveys (ideally related to international development);
- Knowledge and understanding of data science, field experiments, or research literatures in development economics relating to health, education, or natural disasters.

Additional Information

This is a one-year position, with a potential for a one-year extension pending funding, ideal for candidates planning to apply to graduate programs in Economics, Public Policy, Public Health, or other related fields.

We will consider applicants who prefer remote work, but will give priority to applicants who intend to locate themselves and work from the University's campus in Ann Arbor, MI.

The Institute for Social Research (ISR) at the University of Michigan seeks to recruit and retain a diverse workforce as a reflection of our commitment to serve the diverse people of Michigan, to maintain the excellence of the university, and to ground our research in varied disciplines, perspectives, and ways of knowing and learning. This position includes health benefits detailed in the link below. All University of Michigan policies, practices, and procedures applicable to your classification title apply to your employment. Please explore "Working at U-M" for additional information regarding benefits and employment: <https://hr.umich.edu/working-u-m>

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To Apply

Please apply for this position using the following link:

https://careers.umich.edu/job_detail/207219/research-assistant

A cover letter is required for consideration of this position and should be attached as the first page of your resume. The cover letter should indicate your starting availability, address your specific interest in the position, outline skills and experience that directly relate to this position, and indicate which work location you prefer.

After applicants submit their cover letter and resume, select candidates will be asked to complete an empirical exercise to demonstrate their knowledge and familiarity of coding in Stata. Successful performance on the coding examination will result in follow up interviews with the research team.