

Global Poverty

RESEARCH LAB

The Global Poverty Research Lab (GPRL) is seeking to hire several undergraduate Research Assistants (URAs) to help create a database of evidence in international development.

URAs will learn how to read academic papers efficiently, to identify fault lines in design and analysis, and will gain expertise in judging the strengths and weaknesses of academic work, specifically in the field of development economics. URAs will codify papers using a custom-made coding tool. Tasks will include extracting information from academic papers about research design and treatment effects, as well as interacting with supervisors to clarify questions and improve skills, an engaging in weekly office hours.

This role requires the URA to commit about 12-15 hours per week (adjustments can be made during exam times). URAs will benefit from ample supervisor time and feedback on their work and will be part of an exciting project that promises to make an important contribution to both policy making and research.

Candidates should have a strong interest in learning to understand in-depth empirical academic papers with quantitative analysis. Proficiency at identifying research designs and main findings, as well as interpreting common statistical analyses is desirable. Preference will be given to candidates who, beyond their immediate part-time commitment, are happy to commit to full-time work over the summer. It may additionally be possible to arrange the collaboration as an internship.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send an email to Andre Nickow (a-nickow@kellogg.northwestern.edu). Please include a resume/CV, unofficial transcript, and a brief statement of about five sentences about your experience with academic work in international development.