Research Assistant for a Book on Empirically Driven Public Policy

Job Description

A Boston-based Harvard College alumnus is hiring two research assistants for his second book. The book will focus on the application of academic social science research to the formation of empirically driven public policy. The book will include 10–15 chapters, each covering a specific political issue (e.g., prison sentencing reform and education funding models). Research work will primarily involve reviewing relevant academic literature and connecting it to possible public policy solutions. Students with backgrounds in the social sciences—including economics, history, philosophy, psychology, social studies, and sociology—are especially encouraged to apply, but the position is open to students in ALL fields of study.

RAs will be paid $20 per hour. The expected time commitment will be 10 hours per week, the majority of which can be conducted remotely (and may involve library use) with one in-person meeting per week for approximately 1–1.5 hours. Ideally, applicants will be available during winter and summer breaks for continued research and virtual meetings (candidates would not have to be in the Cambridge/Boston area during winter breaks and summers).

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Research will begin in October or November 2017 and will continue until the research stage of the project is completed.

To apply, fill out an application (https://goo.gl/forms/RWI26avl4LMxvR5E3) and send a resume to empiricalpolicyproject@gmail.com.