

Role: Research Assistant

Who We Are:

By 2050, the global urban population will nearly double to 6.4 billion. This unprecedented growth in the global urban population creates incredible opportunities but also intensifies the most difficult problems cities face, such as concentrated poverty, crime, poor-quality schooling, and pollution. The University of Chicago founded Urban Labs to help address these challenges.

Urban Labs is a set of highly synergistic labs focused on undertaking inquiry and having impact on five essential dimensions of urban life: crime, education, health, poverty and energy & environment.

Urban Labs partners with cities to identify and rigorously evaluate the policies and programs with the greatest potential to improve human lives at scale. Urban Labs' evidence-based approach gives policymakers and practitioners the knowledge they need to effectively achieve the greatest social good per dollar spent.

In sum, UChicago Urban Labs:

- Uses research and evidence to understand how cities can work better
- Tests the most promising, cost-effective policies and programs
- Works with civic partners to implement and evaluate solutions in real time
- Scales solutions to cities across the country and around the world

For more information about the UChicago Urban Labs, go to <http://urbanlabs.uchicago.edu/>. The University of Chicago is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Role:

The University of Chicago Poverty Lab is hiring Research Assistants to assist with data collection for our evaluation of Urban Initiatives Work to Play program. These data will be used to help us better understand how participation in structured sports programs impact children's early learning and development. Observations will take place in Chicago Public Schools across the city.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Pick up study materials from Urban Initiatives offices in Loop
- Administer surveys to elementary school-aged children in multiple Chicago Public Schools sites per shift
- Serve lunch to students during data collection
- Engage students in fun, energizing games to keep them focused/engaged in the work
- Pick up/drop off students from classrooms before/after data collection
- Transport study materials to Urban Initiatives offices after each shift
- Complete required Urban Labs and Chicago Public Schools research trainings and background checks prior to field work

Work Schedule:

- Available January-February (1/16/2018 - 2/2/2018, with a possible extension to 2/9/2018)
- Available approximately 3 - 6 hours per day for 2 - 3 days per week
- Available for 2 hour in-person training prior to start of field study

Education

Current or former college student or equivalent work experience.

Experience

- Prior experience working with elementary-aged kids (research or non-research setting)
- Prior experience with fieldwork/data collection preferred but not required

Competencies

- Enthusiastic and energetic to help keep the kids engaged
- Spanish-speaking, writing, and reading skills required
- Licensed and insured to drive. Personal vehicle preferred

To Apply: Please submit a resume and cover letter to

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