

## Summer Research Assistants

### 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:

- Identifies promising solutions to urban challenges
- Tests the most promising urban policies and programs
- Scales-up the most effective and cost-efficient policies and programs

For more information about the UChicago Urban Labs, go to <http://urbanlabs.uchicago.edu/>

### Role

The University of Chicago Crime Lab is seeking undergraduate and graduate summer Research Assistants to assist with a range of activities including literature reviews, data entry, reviewing and cleaning data, statistical analysis, and report writing, formatting, and editing. Research Assistants may also perform other duties as assigned. This is a great opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of policy research and to develop research skills. The position will be full-time for approximately 40 hours per week for 10-weeks.

### Qualifications

- Significant progress towards a degree in a social science discipline such as economics, public policy, statistic, etc., with a strong background in mathematics and statistics required.
- Interest in and aptitude for developing advanced programming and analytic skills for working with administrative data.
- Experience with at least one statistical package, including STATA, SAS or SPSS strongly preferred.
- Strong attention to detail with good organization skills required
- Self-motivated; ability to work independently and manage ongoing tasks on tight timelines
- Responsive to email
- Strong oral and written communication skills

If interested submit a resume and cover letter to Kimberley Smith, [kimberleys@uchicago.edu](mailto:kimberleys@uchicago.edu) and Alexander Heaton, [asheaton@uchicago.edu](mailto:asheaton@uchicago.edu).