

Graduate Research Student Assistant – Safe Space Project

Department: Center for Studies in Demography & Ecology
Date Available: June 21, 2022
Application Deadline: June 6, 2022

General Duties/Description:

The Center for Girls' Education (CGE) in Abuja, Nigeria provides mentored safe spaces to adolescent girls, aimed at increasing empowerment and improving human capital and health. Northern Nigeria has the highest rates of child marriage in the world, with 80% of adolescent girls married by age 18, and 50% by the age of 15. The Pathways program (2018-2020) focuses on unmarried girls, aged 12-19, who are not currently enrolled in school, with the goal of increasing educational attainment and delaying marriage. The MAS program (on-going) focuses on married adolescents, with goals of improving health services access and introducing the use of birth spacing techniques. In both programs, mentors from similar backgrounds meet with the girls once or twice per week. The mentors provide a combination of literacy and numeracy skills, financial management, support for entrepreneurship, and assistance in accessing and navigating bureaucracies.

This research is focused on a quantitative impact assessment of both programs, using paired cluster-randomized designs. In particular, data has been collected from a 2018 baseline survey and 2020 endline survey for Pathways and is currently being used to analyze the impacts of the program on adolescent girls; early results are promising with regards to delaying marriage and increasing education.

Evans School students and graduate students from other units with demonstrated background in econometric analysis and interest in empowerment are invited to apply for an hourly Graduate Research Student Assistant (GRSA) position. The hourly GRSA will work with a supervisor, Assistant professor Isabelle Cohen, during the summer. This summer hourly position assumes that the student is not enrolled in summer quarter and the hourly rate is commensurate with academic standing, qualifications, and experience.

Successful applicants will have a positive and professional attitude, strong organizational and time management skills, and the willingness to work both independently and collectively in team settings. Attention to detail, critical thinking, the ability to identify, access, interpret, synthesize, and display data and information, and the ability to write clearly and concisely, as well as the ability to accept and integrate constructive feedback on work are also required. Experience with quantitative analysis and coding in Stata, R, or Python is desirable, as is past work on cost-benefit analysis.

The Graduate Research Student Assistant will be hired for Summer 2022 only, for 20 hours per week for 10 weeks.

Duties:

- Developing a framework and conducting cost-benefit analysis for Pathways based on the two-year endline surveyed completed in 2020
- Assisting with the academic paper being written from the Pathways intervention, including but not limited to data cleaning, data analysis and a literature review
- Cleaning and analyzing baseline data from MAS communities to produce descriptive statistics and check balance by treatment groups

Requirements:

- Excellent research, analysis, writing, and presentation skills
- Ability to solve problems creatively and to think critically and analytically; training in econometrics is desirable
- Strong self-direction and ability to work independently as well as collaboratively
- Ability to work with survey data to conduct quantitative analysis
- Experience with Stata, R or Python
- Comfort using and learning to use software programs
- Ability to search, identify, screen and code a range of data sources and literatures
- Ability to manage time, balance, set and meet deadlines, and to coordinate with other remote collaborators
- Must be a current UW PhD student

Hourly Rate:

The hourly rate for Graduate Research Student Assistant is commensurate with academic standing, qualifications, and experience. Graduate Research Student Assistant hourly position assumes that the student is not enrolled during summer quarter.

The successful candidate must be legally authorized to work in the United States by the desired start date. This position cannot provide visa sponsorship.

How to Apply:

Please submit the materials on the list below on [EvansJobs](#). Please indicate in your cover letter your expected graduation date and which PhD milestones you have completed. Please submit all your materials at the same time. To ensure proper uploading, please submit all materials (excluding transcripts) as .doc or .docx files (the system will then auto-convert all uploaded documents to .pdf).

1. Cover letter (no more than 1 page) briefly describing: your qualifications for the position; your interest in the research, and what you believe your unique contribution(s) to this project would be.
2. Current CV/resume.
3. Most recent transcript (unofficial is fine).

Application inquiries may be made with:

All applications must be submitted via EvansJobs and questions about the application system can be directed to evansjob@uw.edu.

Notes:

This job classification is governed by a negotiated labor contract and is subject to union shop provisions. For more information about union shop provisions, visit:

<http://www.washington.edu/admin/hr/jobs/apl/union-info.html>

Diversity Statement:

The Evans School is strongly committed to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion. Candidates are expected to have the ability to advance the DEI mission and should address this in their statement.

Required disclosures and COVID -19 Vaccination Requirement:

Applicants considered for this position will be required to disclose if they are the subject of any substantiated findings or current investigations related to sexual misconduct at their current employment and past employment. Disclosure is required under [Washington state law](#).

COVID -19 Vaccination Requirement:

Per Governor Inslee's [Proclamation 21-14.1](#), employees of higher education and healthcare institutions must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless a medical or religious exemption is approved. Being fully vaccinated means that an individual is at least two weeks past their final dose of an authorized COVID-19

vaccine regimen. As a condition of employment, newly hired employees will be required to provide proof of their COVID-19 vaccination.

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