



Research Assistant – Temporary
Northwestern Neighborhood & Network Initiative (N3)
The Institute for Policy Research (IPR) at Northwestern University

Hours: 15-20 hours per week (variable and dependent on project availability)

Pay: Commensurate with skills, education, and experience

Note: This posting is for Fall 2020, with the potential to continue to Winter and Spring 2020. **The majority of the RA's time will be dedicated to supporting fieldwork and an interview-based project on the South and West sides of Chicago. Work will be conducted virtually until health restrictions allow in-person field work.**

About N3

The Northwestern Neighborhood & Network Initiative (N3) is a research center at Northwestern University's Institute for Policy Research (IPR) that seeks to engage communities, civic partners, and policy makers in addressing core problems facing the residents of urban communities. All of our research focuses on utilizing "network thinking" (an understanding of how relationships shape how we feel and behave) to improve neighborhoods, the city, and our region. We are currently working with partners in Chicago to evaluate a series of interventions focused on reducing gun violence and improving public safety in the city. For more information about N3, visit: <https://sites.northwestern.edu/n3lab/>

Responsibilities

N3 is looking for a part-time, temporary research assistant (RAs) for Fall 2020, with the possibility to extend into Winter and Spring 2020 to assist on a new project related to community-based gun violence in Chicago.

The RA will perform a variety of important project, data collection, and analysis activities to support N3, including:

- Performing primarily fieldwork, including conducting observations, interviews, and/or focus groups at community sites throughout the city*
- Performing other qualitative research activities, such as taking ethnographic field notes and coding data
- Assisting with the preparation of results for memos, spreadsheets, and presentations targeting funders, policymakers, and academic audiences
- Other administrative tasks or responsibilities as assigned by N3 staff

Educational Value

This is an excellent opportunity to gain hands-on research experience in an innovative, partnership-driven research space. We aim to bridge traditional academic and community/government boundaries to improve public safety and well-being for residents of Chicago. We can train highly committed individuals in research design, data collection, and analysis, as well as community-engaged research approaches. Our work is action-oriented and policy-relevant: your efforts will matter not only for the success of N3, but also the safety of residents living in the city and our partner organizations.

Desired Qualifications

We are looking for people who demonstrate some or all of the following characteristics and skills:

- A high level of commitment to the work of N3, enthusiasm, and a desire to learn
- Interest and availability to conduct fieldwork throughout Chicago
- A "team player" who is willing to step in and help where needed
- Very reliable and responsible, able to meet deadlines
- Strong verbal and written communication skills and enjoys interacting with people
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail
- Ideally some experience with fieldwork and/or qualitative research design, data collection, and analysis
- Candidates should have a minimum of a bachelor's degree and may currently be pursuing master's or doctoral training in social science or related field

Interested applicants should email resume and cover letter to Rebecca Weiland, Research Project Manager at N3, at rebecca.weiland@northwestern.edu.