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Global Poverty
RESEARCH LAB

The Global Poverty Research Lab (GPRL) is seeking to hire several undergraduate Research Assistants (URAs) to help create a database of evidence in international development.

URAs will learn how to read academic papers efficiently, to identify fault lines in design and analysis, and will gain expertise in judging the strengths and weaknesses of academic work, specifically in the field of development economics. URAs will codify papers using a custom-made coding tool. This will involve the following tasks: coding information about research design and treatment effects, interacting with supervisors to clarify questions and improve as a coder, and engaging in weekly office hours.

This role requires the URA to commit about 12-15 hours per week (adjustments can be made during exam times). URAs will benefit from ample supervisor time and feedback on their work and will be part of an exciting project that promises to make an important contribution to both policy making and research.

Candidates should be proficient at reading empirical academic papers with quantitative analysis, identifying research designs and main findings, and interpreting common statistical analyses. (The coding referred to here is not related to programming in Stata, R, Python, etc.) Candidates with a clear desire to further develop these skills will be preferred.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send an email to Andre Nickow (a-nickow@kellogg.northwestern.edu). Please include a resume/CV, unofficial transcript, and a brief statement of about five sentences about your experience with academic work in international development.