

## Seeking a Full-Time Research Assistant Starting Spring or Summer 2021

Professor Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak, faculty director of the Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale (Y-RISE) is seeking a highly skilled individual as a full-time research assistant. The position is for two years or longer, and we have a strong preference for applicants that plan to stay for at least two years. RAs will sit in the Y-RISE office and participate in the Yale Economics Department's pre-doctoral RA program. Applicants will be reviewed on a rolling basis and the preferred start date is Spring/Summer 2021.

The job will consist of collaboration on a number of new and ongoing projects related to the Y-RISE research agenda on the effects of large-scale development interventions. The focus of this research may include assessing the general-equilibrium effects of interventions, the effects of programs on political outcomes, the external validity of initial estimates of program effects in different locations and years, and the implementation challenges that arise when programs scale. Mobarak's [work on seasonal migration](#) is an example of the type of research that fits within this agenda.

Primary responsibilities include planning study design, cleaning and analyzing large datasets, helping to write papers and proposals, generating figures and tables, and supporting quality assurance of ongoing fieldwork.

The ideal candidate will: (i) be detail-oriented with programming experience in statistical software such as Stata, R, Matlab, or Python; (ii) have a strong quantitative background; (iii) be able to work independently to solve problems; and (iv) have a long-term interest in pursuing research in economics. Familiarity with economics and randomized controlled trials is preferred – but we also welcome applicants with strong technical backgrounds who wish to increase their exposure to economics and related fields.

The position is located at Yale University. Salary is competitive with other research assistant positions and will depend on the applicant's skill set.

**TO APPLY:** Please email [yrise@yale.edu](mailto:yrise@yale.edu) with subject "RA Candidate 2021: Lastname, Firstname" and attach a *single* PDF document named "Lastname\_Firstname" containing the following materials:

1. A cover letter describing:
  - a. Your interest in the position
  - b. Your familiarity with statistical software and programming languages (e.g. Stata, R, Matlab, Python, etc.)
  - c. Your prior experience as a research assistant and/or with independent research projects.
  - d. Names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers of 2-3 references
2. A CV
3. Transcripts (unofficial is fine)

Shortlisted applicants will be asked to complete a set of technical exercises. Due to the high volume of applications we receive, we may not be able to contact all applicants.