Research Assistant III
Harvard Medical School-Health Care Policy

Responsibilities:

Dr. Michael E. Chernew, the Leonard D. Schaeffer Professor of Health Care Policy and Director of the Healthcare Markets and Regulation Lab (HMR Lab), seeks a full-time Research Assistant (RA) to perform a wide range of research related activities. The Research Assistant will contribute to research projects in health care economics and health care policy. Research areas may include but are not limited to payment reform, health care spending, consumer and patient engagement, quality measurement, value-based payment, delivery system transformation, health insurance exchanges, and risk adjustment. The selected candidate will work as part of a team in reviewing literature, collect, organize, and analyze data, support drafting and possibly co-authoring papers, creating presentation/dissemination materials, summarize and communicate information, draft reports, manuscript text or other documents for publication or presentation, prepare PowerPoint slides, assist in the development of grant proposals, data use applications, and IRB protocols. These tasks may be performed independently and unsupervised. The candidate will be expected to have programming and data management skills as well as strong communication skills in both written and verbal formats. This position is ideal for candidates seeking to conduct research in preparation for an advanced degree in health economics or health policy. Prior research experience, along with demonstrated knowledge of research areas, research methods and experience with statistical analysis techniques is desired. The ideal candidate will be self-motivated to succeed with limited supervision and direction.

Qualifications:

Two or more years related work experience. Bachelors degree preferred, preferably in health policy, economics, or a health industry related field. Knowledge of health care delivery systems and relevant research populations, understanding of statistics, statistical programs, and research methods, as well as data management. Strong written and verbal communication skills and ability to communicate objectives to multiple audiences. Interpersonal skills, ability to work well within a group and independently. Organization and attention to detail, initiative, and resourcefulness to complete tasks without high level of direction, independent judgement, patience and the ability to maintain a calm and cooperative attitude during periods of increased activity. Very high level understanding of health policy and health care systems in the U.S.. Experience with statistical programming using at least one of the following: STATA, SAS, Python, R.

Additional Information:

This is a grant-funded position for one year with a strong possibility of renewal. Applicants selected for final round of interviews will be asked to complete a short coding task. Applicants should not contact Dr. Chernew directly. Qualified and interested candidates should email a copy of their resume to Taylor Dragan, Dragan@hcp.med.harvard.edu