

Field Research Assistant

Professors Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak and Jason Abaluck of the Yale Department of Economics and School of Management are seeking a highly skilled individual to work as a full-time field project manager. The project is part of a collaboration between the Jamaican Ministry of Health and Wellness (MoH), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Pan American Health Association (PAHO), and Yale's Research Initiative of Innovation and Scale (Y-RISE). Applicants are reviewed on a rolling basis and the preferred start date is Spring 2023.

This position is part of a new project related to the reduction and prevention of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) through the promotion of nutrition, physical exercise, and mental health among school students. Aside from the efficiency intervention, this study will pay special attention to the implementation challenges that arise when the program scales and the general-equilibrium effects of the intervention.

The research manager will work closely with the MoH, WHO/PAHO, and Y-RISE team. The research manager will be located at the Jamaican Ministry of Health and will oversee work with implementing partners, gaining hands-on field research and management experience. Primary responsibilities include designing survey questionnaires, training and managing survey teams, designing and supervising logistics for the field activities, cleaning and analyzing large datasets, assisting in the writing of project reports and policy memos, and liaising with key stakeholders.

The ideal candidate will: (i) be detail-oriented with programming experience in Stata or R; (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 public health, 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. Contextual knowledge of Jamaica and the Caribbean, and the health and education sectors is a plus.

TO APPLY: Please complete the following form <https://forms.gle/mSyavPN2Fpd1UZ8y7>

In the last question attach a *single* PDF document named “lastname_firstname” containing the following materials:

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

3. Transcripts (unofficial is fine)

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