Research Assistant for Natural Language Processing of Criminal Justice Text:

I am looking for a Research Assistant to start as soon as possible on a project analyzing the text of police reports from a single large urban police department. The position will require about 5-10 hours per week for the fall. The position requires proficiency in natural language processing and text analysis techniques as well as experience with quantitative data work and statistical analysis. The specific responsibilities will include processing and cleaning data, conducting statistical analysis, and making plots and tables in R.

The ideal candidate has sufficient background experience with text analysis, natural language processing, and statistical tools in R, has some interest in the project’s topic area, is attentive to detail, and has good communication and time management skills.

Position requirements summary:
- Proficiency in text analysis and natural language processing in R (Python would be a bonus)
- Proficiency with quantitative work and statistical analyses
- Attentiveness to detail
- Good communication skills
- Good time management skills

Hourly pay: $20 per hour, 5-10 hours weekly

Other: I hope this could be a beneficial mentorship opportunity that is worthwhile for interested undergraduate students; I would enthusiastically write letters of recommendation for a job well-done.

About me: I am a PhD Candidate in the Department of Economics at Harvard University. My research fields are labor economics, behavioral economics, and the economics of crime. My research focuses on racial inequality in the criminal justice system as well as in education and health.

Get in touch: If you are interested in the position, please send me an email at rcampbell@g.harvard.edu with your resume/CV.