Who We Are
CRA’s Antitrust and Competition Practice was founded over 50 years ago by professors specializing in antitrust policy, led by Professor Franklin Fisher (MIT). Since that time, our work with leading antitrust scholars from prominent academic institutions has included the economic analyses underlying major antitrust lawsuits, merger reviews or government investigations into anticompetitive behavior. Given our expertise and history, our engagements closely mirror rigorous analysis in academia – with foundations in economic theory as well as robust data analysis. And our current roster of projects and clients places our work near the forefront of today’s vigorous discussions regarding antitrust policy and innovation.

The Analyst Experience: Antitrust and Competition Practice
As analysts, students have the opportunity to apply the theoretical concepts learned in economics classes to real world data and problems. Much like academic researchers, new analysts at CRA are key contributors to several phases of project work, from data collection to programming statistical analyses to testing the robustness of results. Analysts can expect to work on a variety of antitrust issues in projects focusing on the assessment of competitive effects – including those that arise from mergers, price fixing, exclusive dealing or monopolization in a wide variety of industries including, for example, digital platforms, cloud services, healthcare, cellular devices, sports leagues and consumer goods. Examples of recent Competition Practice projects include evaluating the competitive issues of open versus integrated systems for the Apple iPod iTunes antitrust litigation and assessing whether a completed merger in the home construction industry harmed consumers by foreclosing competition and raising costs to suppliers.

In addition to working with leading academic economists, analysts in CRA’s Antitrust and Competition Practice benefit from both formal training and informal on-the-job learning. CRA colleagues overseeing your development or collaborating with you on project work will often have PhD-level training. More formal training programs provided by CRA focus on technical skills, client interaction and networking. While analysts often follow a career path to senior positions at CRA, many also use their experience at CRA as a springboard to top graduate programs. Members of recent analyst classes have gone on to pursue graduate studies at (for example) MIT, Harvard, Berkeley, Chicago, Northwestern and Penn.

Apply for the Antitrust & Competition Practice Analyst Position
The Antitrust and Competition Practice is now recruiting to fill open analyst positions at CRA offices in Boston, Chicago, Oakland, Salt Lake City and Washington DC. We are looking for students with a strong foundation in economics or related quantitative fields (e.g. mathematics, statistics, computer science) who are motivated to explore research opportunities in economics and can bring a critical eye to our work. Students fluent in both English and Mandarin are also eligible for opportunities in our China Competition practice in Oakland. Students working towards an honors degree or a senior thesis at Harvard University are strongly encouraged to apply.

Interested students should apply through our job posting on the Harvard University career center website as well as on the CRA website using this link. Students should indicate their preference for the Antitrust and Competition Practice in their cover letter.

Virtual Events and Important Dates
Application Deadline: September 17, 2021
First-round Interviews: October 5th, 2021
For more information about careers in the Antitrust practice, a video of a recent virtual information session and panel with consultants at CRA is available here.
To hear from our consultants first-hand, visit Meet-CRA to find out about career events involving CRA at Harvard University and to sign up for upcoming virtual information sessions with CRA throughout the Fall, starting September 16th.