

Research Assistant Job Description – Fall Term 2022-2023

An Affiliate of the Harvard University Department of Economics seeks a part-time Research Assistant (undergrad or master's level). The Research Assistant will work with Chika Okafor (PhD Candidate in Economics at Harvard University / JD Graduate of Yale Law School). The R.A. will chiefly work on a project that explores:

- The benefits, harms, and dangers associated with (1) select prevailing economic systems and (2) historical paradigms in economic thought—as revealed through more recent developments in economics and other social sciences

For this project, the R.A. candidate will perform foundational research on various economic concepts (and concepts from the law and other social sciences)—and synthesize the research findings. Research may span the fields of economics, law, public policy, political science, sociology, and American history, among others.

Excellent research, reading, and writing skills are required. Strong economic intuition is preferred, but not necessary. Deep interest in work that promotes the greater social good is desired.

Expected workload is at least 5-10 hours per week during Fall 2022. As funding allows, there is the possibility of renewal for Spring and Summer 2023. The pay rate is commensurate with experience and degree program.

Given current public health crises, the desired location is remote. Access to Zoom Video Communications is required. Chika Okafor will be located in Harvard Square, Cambridge.

To apply, please send a cover letter, CV, and writing sample (minimum 5 pages) to Chika Okafor, at chikaokafor@g.harvard.edu.