

Research Assistant in Political Economy:

Cities, Inequality, and Public Goods in Latin America and the United States

I am looking for a Research Assistant to start as soon as possible to work for around 10-15 hours per week remotely for around 2 months (give or take). The position requires proficiency in quantitative data work and statistical analyses and/or language fluency in Brazilian Portuguese – please get in touch if interested and if you have either or both skill sets. The set of research projects focus on capital cities in Latin American countries and in the U.S., and we will largely work with demographic census data, economic indicators, and political variables (e.g., elections data sets). The specific responsibilities include gathering and cleaning data, constructing indices in R (no prior experience needed here with indices beyond some proficiency in R), conducting statistical analyses, and making plots in R and Stata. For a second project, I am looking for an RA with reading and writing language competency in Brazilian Portuguese to assist with analyzing information from historical newspaper articles.

The ideal candidate has sufficient background experience with statistical tools, such as R or Stata, is engaged with the project's topic, and attentive to details.

Position requirements summary:

- Proficiency in R and/or Stata (ideally both, but get in touch still if one)
- Proficiency with quantitative data work and statistical analyses
- Attentiveness to detail
- And/or reading and writing language competency in Brazilian Portuguese

Hourly pay: \$17 per hour (more for graduate students), 10-15 hours weekly

Other: I hope this could be mentorship that is worthwhile for interested undergraduate students, and would be keen on writing letters of recommendation for a job well-done.

About me: I am a Postdoctoral Associate at the Yale Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy and a Ph.D. Candidate in the Dept. of Government at Harvard University. My research projects focus on the political economy of development –specifically, inequality and social policy, urban and distributive political economy, and comparative environmental politics and policy in developing countries.

Get in touch: If interested, please send an email indicating interest to alice.xu@yale.edu with your CV/resume.