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**WHAT WE DO**

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RAs support economists with scholarly research projects, gather and analyze large datasets, and program economic models.

**CAREER TRAJECTORY**

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