Full Time Research Assistantship – Health Policy
Massachusetts General Hospital, Health Policy Research Center

The Health Policy Research Center at the Mongan Institute, Massachusetts General Hospital is seeking a full-time paid Research Assistant to support the research activities of investigators within the Program for Clinical Economics and Policy Analysis (CEPA) for two full years, beginning in summer 2020.

The Mongan Institute Health Policy Research Center (HPRC) is a leading Harvard health policy institute housed within Massachusetts General Hospital. Founded by Partners HealthCare System and Massachusetts General Hospital in 1998, the HPRC conducts research to support improvements in quality and efficiency within Partners HealthCare, to inform and influence health policy on the national level, and more broadly, to improve health and health care across America and other nations worldwide.

Reporting to John Hsu, MD, MBA, MSCE, and Vicki Fung, PhD, the Research Assistant will play a key role in conducting research that examines the clinical and economic effects of health care policy changes in the United States, including insurance coverage expansion, payment reform, and delivery system change. Specific clinical areas include mental health, dementia, stroke, cardiovascular disease, and cancer. Working in collaboration with a team of researchers, clinicians, economists, and biostatisticians, the Research Assistant’s responsibilities typically include the following:

- Obtaining and combining novel data sources
- Extracting, cleaning, and analyzing data (e.g., medical claims, survey, clinical outcomes)
- Evaluating the impact of health policies on health care access, use, quality, and spending
- Assisting with disseminating findings through presentations and manuscripts
- Conducting literature reviews
- Gathering background information on specific policy changes
- Managing IRB applications, protocols, and continuing reviews
- Assisting the in the preparation of grant proposals

Upcoming projects may require the Research Assistant to participate in the following activities:

- Compiling state-level medical licensing datasets for all U.S. states
- Compiling state-level and national-level death certificate datasets, including the Wonder dataset
- Developing detailed local area resources maps and geocoding the health system’s population
- Applying for state All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) datasets in Maine, Colorado, and others
- Applying for state Medicaid datasets in California and Massachusetts

Applicants must be a current senior or recent graduate who has completed coursework in statistics, mathematics, health policy, economics, or a related field. They must have excellent quantitative, analytic, communication, and organizational skills, the ability to work both independently and in a team setting, and an enthusiasm for learning about health policy and new methodologies related to the research. Prior experience with statistical programs (e.g., Stata, SAS, R), database management, and the research process is a plus. Knowledge of topics in health policy, health economics, and health care financing in the United States is also a plus.

If you are interested in joining our team, please send your CV/resume, cover letter, and unofficial transcript to Delaney Tevis at dtevis@mgh.harvard.edu. Be sure to highlight your relevant coursework and analytic experience. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Final deadline to apply is March 31, 2020.

Good luck and we look forward to hearing from you!