Call for Research Assistant

I am looking for a Research Assistant to work with me on an ongoing project focusing on the intersection between the peace processes and on-the-ground conflict. To date, this research has focused on the war in Syria, where I have found that the announcement of a peace conference is associated with an 5.1% increase in deaths on the day of the announcement, compared to the previous day. For the most important peace conferences, this increases to 25.5%.

I have been granted access to a new dataset and I am looking for a Research Assistant to help explore this.

I am looking for someone who has good knowledge of python, and the job will involve:
1. Scraping data (it would be great if you know how to do this already)
2. Training a language model to classify texts, and spans of texts (you don't need to know how to do this already - I will show you!)
3. Labelling data for training these models

Please note that the data concerns the war in Syria, and descriptions of individual casualties. The work will involve reading these descriptions, which may be upsetting in nature.

I am looking for someone for up to 10 hours a week, for the spring semester, or starting earlier, if desired. Pay will be $15 per hour.

If you are interested, or would like more information, please drop me an email at emilysilcock@fas.harvard.edu