

Economics research assistant

Employer: E. Glen Weyl is a second-year junior fellow in economics at the Harvard Society of Fellows. He was 2007 undergraduate valedictorian at Princeton University and graduated in 2008 with his Ph.D. in economics. His current research focuses on studying and designing markets, including high-tech industries, intellectual property and land assembly (eminent domain). His co-authors, with whom you would also work, include Jean Tirole. References, from previous research assistants, about the experience are available.

Work: Assist with the researching and writing of economics papers. Compile reviews and write summaries of existing literature. Research legal, philosophical and policy issues surrounding economics research. Edit and assist in writing of drafts of papers. Participate in communications with journals, conferences and universities. Select quotations for epigraphs and names for concepts and ideas or titles for papers. Assist the writing of referee reports and presentations. Aid in data collection and relationships with data providers.

Qualifications: All students welcome to apply (undergraduate, graduate or professional). Strong economics and writing background required; economics majors or graduate students, or economics-oriented professional students, preferred. Exceptional grades (3.8+) in economics classes and strong grades in writing intensive classes (3.5+). Some experience in journalism, research or other writing-intensive activities preferred. Interest in potentially pursuing economics further (for non-graduate students) and basic knowledge of industrial organization and/or antitrust law.

Pay: Base \$20 an hour; up to \$50 in bonus per week for excellent work. Opportunity to earn a letter of recommendation for graduate school or the job market and chance of co-authoring a paper. Previous research assistants co-authored papers and gone on to graduate school at UPenn and Stanford GSB.

Hours and duration: Approximately 10 hours a week, on average, for the entire school year until mid-May. Schedule flexibility possible.

How to Apply: Send a resume, transcript, a writing sample and, if possible, a letter of recommendation to E. Glen Weyl; 78 Mount Auburn Street; Cambridge, MA 02138 and express interest via email at weyl@fas.harvard.edu. Students will be asked to interview before being hired.

Application deadline: September 11, 2009