

**Research Assistant/Analyst
Moving To Opportunity Research Project
at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)**

Description:

The Moving to Opportunity (MTO) research project seeks a research assistant/analyst to join the team of investigators conducting the long-term follow-up evaluation of MTO, a major randomized housing mobility experiment sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). MTO provided 4,600 low-income families with children living in public housing within some of the nation's most disadvantaged urban neighborhoods the chance to move to private-market housing within much less distressed communities. For more information about previous MTO research and coverage of findings in the academic and policy communities, please see <http://www.mtoresearch.org>. The MTO long-term evaluation has multiple components that include an ambitious collection of administrative data on employment, public assistance, arrests and schooling, as well as in-depth data collection from in-person interviews and achievement assessments.

The position will be located at NBER in Cambridge, MA, joining a committed team of researchers. The interdisciplinary team of senior investigators is geographically dispersed with members at Harvard University, the Brookings Institution, the University of California at Irvine, and the University of Chicago. NBER is a nonpartisan organization and the nation's leading nonprofit economic research organization, committed to undertaking unbiased economic research and disseminating the results to public policymakers, business professionals, and the academic community. The position reports to senior investigators on the MTO long-term evaluation team.

Responsibilities:

Primary responsibilities include SAS and Stata programming and various tasks related to processing, cleaning, managing, and analyzing data as well as tasks to assist with the preparation of academic papers and reports, under the direction of senior staff:

- Providing support for the methodological and results sections of papers and research reports
- Assisting with preparation, management, and programming of survey and administrative data
- Writing SAS programs to prepare and clean data files
- Using Stata to perform statistical analyses.

Qualifications:

We seek an individual with either a master's degree in statistics, economics, mathematics, public policy, sociology, psychology, computer programming, or a related field from a program with a strong quantitative research component or who has at least two years of quantitative and technical experience. Strong SAS or Stata programming

skills are required. Successful candidates should have strong analytic and data management skills, technical writing skills, and a good understanding of quantitative research methods. Candidates should be well-organized, detail-oriented, and able to work independently.

Compensation:

Salary will depend upon the candidate's experience and will be comparable to that offered for salaried positions by universities or other research organizations. The one-year position is grant-funded with the possibility of renewing pending funding availability. The position is also benefits-eligible.

TO APPLY: Please upload one pdf containing the following materials into the online application: (<https://home.eease.com/recruit/?id=610111>).

- a cover letter,
- résumé, and
- the name and contact information for *at least* two references

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