

PROPOSAL: BEHAVIORAL AND LABORATORY EXPERIMENTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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The project will require conducting a thorough literature review of laboratory experiments conducted in developing countries to measure preferences, such as time preferences, risk aversion, and social preferences (e.g., willingness to contribute to public goods, altruism, reciprocity, etc.). The summer position may also include analysis from field experiment in microfinance or behavioral economics from the field. Applicants at a minimum should be comfortable reading, summarizing, and synthesizing economic papers that report on laboratory experiments in the field. For the second set of tasks, they should be familiar with Stata, but the main requirement for the summer will be literature review.