Research Assistant

About The Office of Research (OR):

The Office of Research (OR) in the Research, Markets, and Regulations Division (RMR) is realizing the CFPB’s mission by bringing an empirical, data-driven approach to the analysis of consumer financial markets. OR provides the main analytics to understand consumer behavior and support the Bureau’s actions in policy-making, supervision, and enforcement.

OR Research Assistant Program

The OR Research Assistant Program is a fellowship program that was developed for graduating undergraduates (recent December 2018 and May/June 2019 graduates may apply) who are interested in spending 2-3 years in the Office of Research working alongside Ph.D. researchers (which include economists, research psychologists, and research scientists) on substantial and rigorous data oriented policy projects. Ideally, the candidates’ time with our office would prepare them for future graduate programs such as Ph.D. programs in economics and finance, Masters of Public Policy, and other graduate fields. Successful candidates will have a proven track record of academic excellence in one or more of the following areas: economics, mathematics, statistics, computer science, or decisionmaking and cognitive research. Experience in R, SAS, or Stata programming is also key. Strong written and verbal communication skills are a must, as is the demonstrated ability to work in a fast-paced multidisciplinary environment.

How to apply to the OR Research Assistant Program:


- Posting is open January 22, 2019 – February 12, 2019 (apply early, since we may have an application cap)

Components of the application include (check job posting for official requirements):

Ø Resume (required)

Ø School transcripts showing progress toward degree (required – unofficial okay – we can take recent graduates as well as those expecting to graduate in December 2018 or May/June 2019)

Ø Short questionnaire (required – administered on the application website)

Ø Cover letter (strongly recommended)

Organization: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s (CFPB) Office of Research (OR).

Job Location: Washington, D.C.

Job Application Link: Research Assistant

Post Date: Friday, January 25, 2019

Job Application Deadline: Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Known Job Application Deadline: Yes