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To Whom It May Concern:

I am the Research Assistant Fellowship Program Manager for The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) Office of Research (OR). Our office is currently hiring Research Assistants. The posting for the position **opened February 4, 2022 and will be open until February 18, 2022.**

The link to the posting can be found here:

<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/careers/current-openings/research-assistant-interdisciplinary-22-cfpb-81-x/>.

We hope that you can help us identify qualified candidates (including rising seniors and recent graduates) by forwarding this announcement (see flyer below) to students that may be interested in positions with CFPB and to colleagues that may know of other students that may wish to apply. The CFPB is an equal opportunity employer and seeks to create a vibrant and diverse workforce.

If you have any questions regarding our programs, please do not hesitate to contact me or email CFPB_OR_RA_Recruiting@cfpb.gov.

Sincerely,

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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 (May/June 2022 graduates may apply) and recent graduates (including December 2021 graduates) who are interested in spending 2-4 years in the Office of Research working alongside Ph.D. researchers (which include economists, research psychologists, and behavioral science researchers) 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, Master 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. To learn more about the Office of Research please visit the CFPB's [Data and Research page](#).

How to apply to the OR Research Assistant Program:

Visit our website: <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/careers/current-openings/research-assistant-interdisciplinary-22-cfpb-81-x/>.

- Posting is open **February 4, 2022 – February 18, 2022** (*please apply early, since we may have an application cap*)

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

- Resume (**required**)
- School transcripts showing progress toward degree (**required** – *unofficial okay – we can take recent graduates as well as those expecting to graduate in December 2021 or May/June 2022*)
- Short questionnaire (**required** – *administered on the application website*)
- Cover letter (*strongly recommended*)

Research Assistant

About the Bureau

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is an independent federal agency that aims to make consumer financial markets work for consumers, responsible providers, and the economy as a whole. We protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or abusive practices and take action against companies that break the law. We arm people with the information, steps, and tools that they need to make smart financial decisions.

Office of Research

The Office of Research (OR) brings an empirical, data-driven approach to the analysis of consumer financial markets. OR has Ph.D. social scientists from different disciplines (e.g., economics, judgment and decision making, and cognitive sciences) that design and conduct foundational, policy-relevant research on consumer finance and household decision-making related to financial products and services. In addition, OR conducts essential analytics to support the Bureau's actions in policy-making, supervision, and enforcement.

Why you should apply

As a Research Assistant for OR, you will:

- Collect and analyze primary data from surveys and lab trials conducted by OR, work with supervisory data, and explore de-identified credit databases.
- Conduct data analyses that directly impact our mission and help guide CFPB policies, procedures, and resources.
- Develop reliable reports and prepare economic, statistical, or financial analyses for well-defined policy questions while communicating to senior leaders across the Bureau through written and oral presentations.

- Get hands-on experience and exposure to critical areas of the consumer financial marketplace while mastering programming in Stata, R, Python, and/or SAS.
- Prepare for future graduate programs, including Ph.D. programs, Master of Public Policy, and other graduate fields.

What we're looking for

Successful applicants demonstrate academic excellence in one of the following areas: economics, mathematics, statistics, computer science, or decision-making and cognitive research. Previous experience in Stata, R, Python, and/or SAS programming is also a key to success. Strong written and verbal communication skills are required, as is the demonstrated ability to work in a fast-paced and multidisciplinary environment.

Ready for the challenge?

The position is a two-year term appointment that is extendable to four years. Our formal job announcement will post in **January 2022**. All applicants must apply to the formal announcement to be considered. To request more information email: CFPB_OR_RA_Recruiting@cfpb.gov.

Please visit:

<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/careers/> to learn more and to apply once this position is available.

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