

Quantitative Social Science Research Fellowship (Portuguese Fluency) New York // Part Time

Overview

The Jain Family Institute is seeking a PhD candidate or masters graduate with a strong background in statistics, social scientific methods, and experimental design as a research fellow. This researcher will support our field research in Brazil.

The research team at JFI is examining the impacts of guaranteed income programs and policies on economic, social and psychological wellbeing. As part of that work, we are conducting research on the roll out and expansion of a partial basic income policy in a municipality in Brazil.

JFI seeks a research fellow to support the team in preparing and analyzing survey and administrative data from a quasi-experimental study of this policy. The research fellow will join a small team of researchers from across the social sciences. The fellow will work closely with the PIs on this project and with the Guaranteed Income research team more generally.

Responsibilities

The position is a 6-month contract requiring approximately 20-30 hours a week. The fellow should expect to travel to our office in SoHo one to two times weekly. Contract renewal is possible subject to performance review.

Because JFI is working with potentially sensitive data, the fellow will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement.

The fellow's tasks will include:

- Working and engaging with our academic and survey partners in Brazil
- Merging, cleaning, and preparing datasets for analysis
- Generating descriptive statistics and running causal models
- Tabling results and creating charts and graphs as needed

- Analyzing data and reporting on results

Note: Some travel to Brazil may be required with expenses paid by JFI

Required Skills & Qualifications

- Native speaker of or fluency in Portuguese (spoken and written) at an academic level
- MA in economics, public policy, sociology or a related discipline
- Expertise in statistical modeling, experimental and quasi-experimental design, and causal inference
- Proficiency with the elements of pilot design, including survey development, sampling, and statistical power
- Strong skills in statistical programming in Stata and/or R
- Demonstrated experience as a research assistant or comparable experience in pilot design and implementation
- Familiarity with Brazilian social policy and/or previous work in or research on Brazil preferred but not required

Benefits

- A stipend of \$15,000, paid in semi-monthly installments of \$1,250
- The possibility of co-authoring research papers or publishing whitepapers
- Opportunities to meet with leading scholars and policy experts

How To Apply

- Send all application material to economics@apps.jainfamilyinstitute.org:
 - A letter of interest
 - A CV
 - A coding sample or samples demonstrating proficiency with data manipulation and analysis

About JFI

JFI is 501(c)(3) nonprofit applied research institute founded in 2014 by Bob Jain. Our mission is to address pressing social problems by identifying and implementing

high-impact interventions that will translate to real world progress. JFI's work sits at the intersection of economics, politics, academia, information technology, finance, and culture to bring promising ideas from theory to practice. We are focused on building proofs of concept, pilots, and actionable knowledge.

For details about our staff and current projects, see <http://www.jainfamilyinstitute.org/>.