

**Center for Economic Research in Pakistan (CERP)
Job Announcement**

POSITION: **Research Assistant**

Project: **THINK**

Start Date: **January 8, 2018**

Minimum Commitment: **6 months**

Location: **Karachi**

Center for Economic Research in Pakistan seeks a qualified applicant for the position of Research Assistant for CERP's THINK project (based in Karachi).

About CERP

[The Center for Economic Research in Pakistan \(CERP\)](#) is a nonprofit research center in Pakistan that promotes the use of rigorous quantitative research and actively engages with policy counterparts to answer key questions in public policy. CERP was founded in 2008 by renowned Pakistani economists based at the Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School, University of Chicago, Pomona College and Lahore University of Management Sciences.

Project Description

CERP and New York University are conducting a long-term mixed methods regression discontinuity design (RDD) study of the effects of access (and non-access) to tertiary education on youth's hopes and positive and negative attitudes and behaviours. The research is being conducted in Karachi, Pakistan. The research will follow a select group of students from Karachi through their university entrance exams and first year of university or alternate activity, following those that just pass the threshold for admission and those that narrowly miss the cut-off. In so doing, the project will offer rigorous empirical research on the relationships between achieving one's educational aspirations, hope, agency, and positive or negative attitudes and behaviours. The study is primarily quantitative. This is a great opportunity to practice research concepts studied in class and for mentorship for a research career.

Job Description

You will be working primarily on the following tasks:

1. Assisting in collecting and monitoring survey data
2. Assisting in developing research partnerships and maintaining them
3. Assisting with coordination with existing research partners
4. Assisting in research design and executing implementation plans to reach relevant participants

5. Quality assurance in data collection
6. Assisting in data cleaning, analysis and reporting
7. Preparing memos and workplans for the project team and research partners
8. Field visits as required
9. Assisting the Project Manager and team on structuring the project and its activities
10. Other duties as assigned by the Project Manager or Principal Investigators

Job Requirements

- This is a full-time paid position requiring 40 hours a week
- Passion for social research and learning more about it
- Recently completed a Bachelor's degree in a related discipline
- Preferably relevant experience in research/program design and/or evaluation, including the design and execution of surveys, management of data collection methods
- Ability to help manage fieldwork related to the project, including data management
- Ability to creatively problem-solve and implement solutions to hurdles in the project
- Ability to be organized and proficient in managing work and self
- Familiarity with STATA
- Fluent in English and Urdu

How to apply:

Interested candidates should do all of the following:

1. Send their *cover letter, CV, transcripts* (or any academic results thus far) to THINK@cerp.org.pk and CERP Recruiting (careers@cerp.org.pk) with the subject the subject title **“THINK PK Research Assistant Pakistan”**.
2. Fill the Research Assistant application at this [online form](#)

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, starting December 10th. Please apply promptly.

This position is expected to run from January 2018 to June 2018. We expect a large number of applications so only successful candidates will be contacted. If any part of the application submission is missing, we will not be able to consider your application.