

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

POSITION: Research Intern

Project: **Tracking Hope in Nairobi and Karachi (THINK)**

Start Date: June 12, 2017

Commitment: 6-8 weeks

Location: Karachi

Center for Economic Research in Pakistan and New York University seek a qualified applicant for the position of Research Intern 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.

About New York University-Steinhardt

The [Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development](#) at New York University offers a variety of degree programs in the subjects of education, communication, health, and the arts throughout its 11 departments. It additionally features 17 research centers and institutes to support a culture of academic research. NYU-Steinhardt was founded in 1890 and is consistently ranked amongst the top schools for graduate studies.

Project Description

CERP and New York University are conducting a 2.5 year 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 behaviors. 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 behaviors. 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. Data cleaning, data management and quality assurance
6. Data analysis and reporting
7. Preparing memos, write-ups and workplans for the project team and research partners
8. Field visits as required

Job Requirements

- Passion for social research and learning more about it
- In last year of or 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 field visits
- Ability to creatively problem-solve and implement solutions to hurdles in the project
- Ability to be organized and proficient in managing work and self
- 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 Intern Pakistan”**.
2. Fill the internship application at: <https://goo.gl/forms/VhRektR9pD1o5UTX2>

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, starting June 1st. Please apply promptly.

This position is expected to run from June 2017 until August 2017. 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.