

## Job Announcement

Position Title: **Research Manager**

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

Qualifications: **Master's degree or PhD. in Economics, Social Sciences, Public Policy, Public Administration, Education Management, or equivalent**

Start Date: As Soon As Possible

Minimum Commitment: 24+ Months

Location: Karachi

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New York University-Steinhardt and the Center for Economic Research in Pakistan seek a qualified applicant for the position of Research Manager for the THINK project (based in Karachi).

### **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.

### **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 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 peace and conflict attitudes and behaviors. The research will be conducted in Karachi, Pakistan via in-person surveys as well as SMS. 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.

### **Job Description and Responsibilities**

Your primary responsibility will be towards THINK. Working closely with the NYU-based Research Director to oversee all aspects of the Pakistan-based research, some of your tasks may include:

- Survey development and deployment
  - Tracking respondents
  - Managing the field team: hiring and training enumerators
  - Relationship building and coordinating logistics with schools,
- Data management: Data collection, entry and quality control,
- Project reporting
- Stakeholder management: Relationship building with schools, liaising with partners, and overall troubleshooting.
- Supervising all other Pakistan based staff (intern, enumerators, etc.) hired over the course of the project.
- Other duties as considered necessary.

### **Qualifications and Skills**

- Master's degree or PhD. in Economics, Social Sciences, Public Policy, Education, Sociology, or a related discipline from a local or internationally recognized university
- Previous experience conducting quantitative research preferred (including developing and administering surveys, data entry, quality control, analysis)
- Experience or evidence of strong interest in programming or research on education, youth, conflict, and/or peace building.
- Demonstrated ability to work both independently and collaborate as part of a team
- Strong English communication skills (both oral and written)
- Proficiency in Excel, with working knowledge of Stata being a good asset
- Experience in a North American university environment preferred
- Connections with schools and/or universities in Karachi is not a requirement, but a good asset
- Ambition to learn
- Strong sense of responsibility and integrity
- Availability to commit to the duration of the project
- Based in Karachi, willingness to travel within Pakistan if required
- Ability to start immediately
- Good troubleshooter
- Hard worker
- Comfortable meeting deadlines
- Tolerant of unpredictable, changing environment.
- A national of Pakistan

Our project teams are small, and the amount of work we accomplish is significant. The position is challenging but rewarding – only apply if you are the type of person who takes charge and responsibility, can do excellent work with little supervision, and are not afraid to learn new things in order to get the job done.

**Salary:** Commensurate with experience and qualifications.

**How to Apply**

**Please follow the instructions below. Any applications or CVs submitted outside this process will not be considered. Only successful candidates will be contacted**

Interested candidates should:

1. Send an email to Simon Grinsted (simon.grinsted@nyu.edu) and CERP (jobs@cerp.org.pk) with the subject “Pakistan Research Manager”. Please include your cover letter, CV, and academic transcripts.
2. Fill out the form found here: <https://goo.gl/forms/7OHajbhWhYrVQYV72>

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, starting March 3rd. Please apply promptly. Long-listed candidates will be invited to participate in Skype interviews. Short-listed candidates will also be interviewed in person.

This position is expected to run from March 2017 until June 2019, contingent on performance, progress of the research, and funding. There will be a probationary period.