

Research Fellow – Education Program in Pakistan **Pomona College**

Professor Tahir Andrabi of Economics Department, Pomona College is seeking a full-time Research Fellow for 1 year, starting as soon as possible. This position will be based in Claremont, CA with remote work possible for some period in accordance with the College's travel and work policies around COVID-19.

About the Fellowship

Research fellows work closely with faculty on specific research projects. Fellows come from diverse backgrounds and bring highly valued technical skillsets and cultural perspectives to our research teams. Fellows receive mentoring from faculty and work with cutting-edge topics and research methods. They are welcomed as members of the Pomona community and receive salary, benefits, and access to an array of the College's resources. Fellows are among the best and the brightest of future researchers and practitioners in Economics, Public Policy, and related fields, and many go on to graduate study or pursue careers outside of academia, supporting and implementing evidence-based policy from a wide variety of organizations. This position would participate in Harvard Evidence for Policy Design (EPOD) associated events as necessary.

This specific fellowship will be under the direction of Professor Tahir Andrabi, who is the Stedman-Sumner Professor of Economics at Pomona College. Professor Andrabi is a co-Principal Investigator (with Jishnu Das of Georgetown University and Asim Ijaz Khwaja of Harvard Kennedy School) of the multi-year DFID-funded Research on Improving Systems of Education (RISE) project in Pakistan. The RISE program consists of a number of studies and activities examining the nature of frictions embedded in different parts of the Pakistani education system. The project works closely with the Pakistani government as well as public and private partners to ensure that research both informs education policy and is informed by existing policy in Pakistan.

For more information on the LEAPS program, visit the website: <https://epod.cid.harvard.edu/initiative/leaps-program>

This is an exciting, rewarding opportunity for students with strong research and academic interest. The research fellow will be able to gain:

- First-hand experience on the design, implementation and analysis of a large-scale RCT
- Competitive pay (\$26~\$33/hour commensurate with experience)
- Excellent health benefits and additional resources from the College

Responsibilities

- Clean and manage large datasets
- Conduct statistical analyses of data using Stata
- Prepare literature reviews, background research, and other draft content for grant proposals and academic papers
- Draft project reports, research protocols, and other project documents
- Oversee and coordinate field research activities when required
- Travel to the field as needed (pending public health guidance and College travel policies)

Qualifications

Required

- Bachelor's or Master's degree in Economics, Public Policy, International Development, Mathematics, Computer Science or Statistics or related field requiring substantial quantitative coursework

- Strong academic record
- Strong interest in public policy and economic development research
- Strong English oral and written communication skills
- Strong command of Stata
- Excellent command of Microsoft Office suite (Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint)
- Willingness to travel internationally (pending public health guidance and travel policies)
- Available to work full-time starting June or July 2021 (start time is flexible, but ASAP preferred)

Preferred

- Knowledge of randomized control trials
- Advanced coursework in Economics and Econometrics
- Prior experience as a research assistant in the fields of Public Policy or Economic Development
- Prior experience in field research

How to Apply

- Send an email to: Rhonda Beron, Academic Coordinator of Economics Department, Pomona College (rrb04747@pomona.edu)
 - Title the email "LEAPS Pomona RA"
 - Attach the following documents:
 - Cover letter (one page max)
 - CV
 - List of references
 - Complete transcript (unofficial is fine)