



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR HEALTH RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

The Center for Studying Health System Change (HSC) in Washington, D.C. is seeking Health Research Assistants to participate in research on how the health system is changing and the effects of these changes on cost, quality, access, and service delivery.

Responsibilities

Health Research Assistants participate in all phases of the research process. General duties include performing literature searches and reviews; gathering a wide variety of health-related information by telephone, Internet searches and other means; participating in the writing of analysis plans; and preparing the results of research for presentation and publication. Other duties may include project management and proposal writing.

Research Assistants will be assigned primarily to qualitative research projects. They will participate in planning, scheduling, and conducting site visits and telephone interviews, and will contribute to qualitative data analysis and the writing of reports and journal articles.

Some Research Assistants with quantitative backgrounds will spend part of their time working on quantitative projects, where they will use a variety of quantitative data sets, will work with programmers to generate data for analysis, and will assist senior research staff in analyzing the data results and writing reports and journal articles. They also may do some programming using SPSS, SAS or STATA, and assist in managing quantitative data sets.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree with excellent academic record
- Coursework in economics, public policy, health policy, or social sciences
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail; ability to work well independently and with others
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Strong computer skills (including proficiency in Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint and Access)
- Coursework in econometrics or statistics and experience using statistical software packages (SPSS, SAS or STATA) desired for Research Assistants working on quantitative projects

About the Center for Studying Health System Change

Founded in 1995, the Center for Studying Health System Change (HSC) is a nationally renowned nonpartisan health policy research organization focused on the cost, quality and accessibility of health care in the United States. HSC conducts quantitative research using large national data sets, including surveys of households and physicians, and qualitative research using information gathered in telephone and in-person interviews of public- and private-sector decision makers. We focus on objective, timely and policy-relevant research and disseminate our findings to policy makers, the news media, employers, health care providers, insurers and the public. HSC is funded from diverse sources, including major health care foundations and agencies in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. HSC is affiliated with Mathematica Policy Research, a leader in evaluating the effectiveness of local, state and federal health, human services and educational programs. For more information about HSC, please visit our Web site: <http://www.hschange.org>.

The Center for Studying Health System Change offers a supportive and collegial working environment, a competitive salary commensurate with your qualifications and comprehensive benefits. To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, transcript, writing sample and contact information for three references via our employment web-site:

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