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Department of Health Policy
and Management

Research Associate

The Department of Health Policy and Management at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health seeks a Research Associate to join a dynamic team focused on providing evidence to support policies to prevent obesity and diet-related diseases, particularly among high risk populations.

Duties and responsibilities:

The successful candidate will work collaboratively with Professor Sara Bleich and other team members on multiple empirical research projects. Illustrative topics include evaluations of federal nutrition assistance program policies (e.g., Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), restaurant responses to menu labeling requirements, beverage taxes, and the impact of the changing restaurant environment on obesity risk.

Specific roles for the Research Associate include:

- Data collection and management: Qualitative and quantitative data collection, managing datasets, performing data analysis, and interpreting findings
- Grant writing and project development: Contributing to project design decisions and developing proposals for new research
- Project management: Managing day-to-day study operations; participant recruitment and tracking; IRB submission and management; hiring, training, and managing study staff; developing and refining project protocols
- Co-authoring scientific papers

Qualifications:

- Doctoral degree in health policy/health services research, economics, or related field
- Demonstrated ability to conduct empirical research projects with a high degree of independence
- Skills and experience applying quantitative methods to large datasets, including strong proficiency in Stata, SAS, or R
- Qualitative experience is preferred
- Outstanding interpersonal communication skills
- Strong scientific writing skills
- Excellent problem solving and organizational skills
- Comfort balancing the practical and intellectual demands of a diverse portfolio of projects

The ideal candidate has a track record of successful participation in collaborative research projects and topical expertise related to obesity. The candidate will be detail-oriented, flexible, collaborative, and accustomed to working independently.

Link to Application Site: <http://academicpositions.harvard.edu/postings/9894>