

EconLab Opportunity for 2024-25: RA for Devis Decet

Title: Research Assistant

Openings: One

Project: Governance of Public Sector Agencies

Project Description:

Department of Economics PhD student Devis is seeking an undergraduate research assistant for a project examining the organization of public sector agencies in low- and middle-income countries, and the impact of governance reforms on their effectiveness. The project will initially focus on Brazil's tax authority and environmental agency, with potential expansion to other federal agencies in Brazil and eventually to agencies in other countries.

Position Description:

The Research Assistant will assist in collecting, preparing, and analyzing new data sources, including administrative datasets, agency regulations, and survey data. This position provides a valuable opportunity to gain hands-on experience working with large datasets while gaining insights into public policy in low- and middle-income countries. Prior experience with Stata or R is preferred but not required.

Application Requirements:

Interested applicants should email ddecet@u.northwestern.edu their resume (highlighting experience in programming and data work) along with a brief paragraph describing their interest in the project and position. The role is expected to begin at the start of the Fall quarter and will continue for at least the duration of the quarter.