



Kindergarten Readiness Pre-K Curriculum Study Intern

About the Organization

Research for Action (RFA) seeks to use research as the basis for the improvement of educational opportunities and outcomes for traditionally underserved students. Our work is designed to strengthen public schools and postsecondary institutions; provide research-based recommendations to policymakers, practitioners, and the public at the local, state and national levels; and enrich the civic and community dialogue about public education.

Internship Location

RFA's main office, located at 100 S. Broad St., Suite 700, Philadelphia, PA 19110, is currently closed due to the COVID19 pandemic. Despite this recent event, RFA is continuing to provide challenging, high-quality, and meaningful internship experiences for our students. Should our main office reopen following state and local public health guidance during your Fall 2021 internship, you may be asked to complete the remainder of your internship by working in RFA's office.

To be considered for remote internships at RFA, interns must meet tech requirements described in Tech Requirements section below and **reside in the PA/NJ area** throughout the entire duration of the internship. At this moment RFA cannot offer internships to candidates outside of these two states.

Project Description

The intern will contribute to a federal randomized controlled trial (RCT) through quantitative data collection, cleaning, analysis, and the writing of internal analytic memos. This position is an opportunity to gain content knowledge and practical quantitative analytic skills applied to timely, action-oriented education research. The intern's work on the study will contribute to building a stronger evidence base for best practices in Pre-K instruction. The experience will be a chance to learn firsthand about randomized experiments, study implementation, and early education research. The intern will collaborate on a team of experienced quantitative education researchers.

Intern Role

Tasks will include research tool development and project administration. The intern will collaborate with quantitative researchers to organize and track teacher communications, parental consent forms, and student assessments. The intern will also author memos that record issues, challenges, and barriers to the data collection processes. The intern may also assist with data analysis and correcting data errors.

Intern Tasks

- Assisting with Project Administration – 35%

- Database Management – 35%
- Cleaning Data – 20%
- Drafting Analytic Memos – 10%

Preferred Skill Sets and Experience

- Proficiency in statistical software such as Stata, R, SAS, or SPSS
- Some database management and/or data analysis experience

Required Skill Sets and Experience

- Strong interpersonal and written communication skills
- Attention to detail
- Experience with (or a strong interest in) working with quantitative data

Time Commitment

Maximum of 20h per week

Tech Requirements

If working remotely, we require that you have access to a personal computer with an up-to-date Mac or Windows operating system, up-to-date antivirus software, a functional webcam and microphone, and a stable internet connection at your residence. If hired, RFA will require a technology check of your remote system to ensure your working environment is compatible with ours.

Other Information

- Fall internships run from September through December.
- Target Start Date: **09/13/2021**; Target End Date: **12/22/2021**. The exact dates are based on the needs of the project and the availability of the intern. For this position, interns not receiving work-study will be paid \$8.00/hr.
- Only complete applications including Resume & Cover letter will be taken into consideration for the internship hiring.
- Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until all positions have been filled.
- At the time of application, must be actively enrolled in an accredited college or university, as a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student in good standing. Students might be eligible for continuation of their internship after graduation.
- Research for Action qualifies for work-study and PHEAA. Interns may also be eligible for course credit.

- If hired, a Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, must be completed at the start of employment (reference page 3 of the I-9 Form for acceptable forms of ID).
(https://www.uscis.gov/system/files_force/files/form/i-9-paper-version.pdf)

Research for Action is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer that is committed to building a culturally diverse staff. We strongly encourage applications from candidates of all backgrounds.