



Position Announcement
Researcher/Senior Researcher (Quantitative)
(Requisition 0503)

GENERAL SUMMARY

[Chapin Hall](http://www.chapinhall.org) is an independent policy research center at the University of Chicago that provides public and private decision-makers with rigorous research and achievable solutions to support them in improving the lives of children, families, and communities. Chapin Hall partners with policymakers, practitioners, and philanthropists at the forefront of research and policy development by applying a unique blend of scientific research, real-world experience, and policy expertise to construct actionable information, practical tools, and, ultimately, positive change for children, youth, and families. Established in 1985, Chapin Hall's areas of research include child welfare systems, community capacity to support children and families, and youth homelessness. For more information about Chapin Hall, visit www.chapinhall.org.

Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago is seeking one or more Researchers or Senior Researchers to augment a team conducting quantitative studies of children, families, and neighborhoods and improving the ability of organizations serving these individuals to use and interpret data and evidence. We seek candidates who have experience across quantitative social science methods, programming and manipulation of complex databases and data sets, and communication of research findings to a variety of audiences, as well as applicable research project management experience. Ideal candidates will have familiarity and experience across these topics as well as particular expertise in at least one area (such as statistical or econometric expertise, a data science toolkit, or significant project leadership experience).

The Researcher/Senior Researcher will manage the design and implementation of research projects. This may include design and implementation of empirical approach, execution and review of quantitative data preparation and analysis, and management of research teams and partners. This individual will be expected to collaborate in the development of proposals that extend current work and/or leverage team experience and resources towards impact in social policy; this will include opportunities to develop specific research projects and support in seeking funding for those activities.

This a full-time position intended to begin in June 2022, although timing can be flexible.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

The primary responsibilities of the position are as follows:

- Contributes to the intellectual and scientific development of research studies and data analytics including the development of study design and methods
- Translates research and analytic findings into actionable evidence and implications for policy and programs
- Leads—or, in cases of advanced methods, conducts—analyses of quantitative data
- Takes leadership in drafting sections of research reports
- Develops and delivers presentations of findings to diverse audiences
- Assists with and/or leads Institutional Review Board submissions
- Supervises analytics and project staff on specific tasks and provides training and mentorship to junior staff; responsibilities may include formal staff supervision
- May manage project budgets and work plans
- Represents Chapin Hall and its research agenda and establishes important stakeholder relationships, especially with partner agencies
- In collaboration with other Chapin Hall senior research staff, develops ideas for projects to impact youth service systems and/or policy-making and assists with seeking funding for those ideas
- Performs additional duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS

Education

A Ph.D. or equivalent experience/expertise in economics, public policy, sociology, or other relevant fields.

Experience and Other Qualifications

- Demonstrated knowledge of quantitative research methods
- Familiarity with policy issues and existing research in child and family wellbeing
- Demonstrated potential for securing funding preferred
- Demonstrated experience managing teams, budgets, and/or projects preferred
- Demonstrated proficiency with statistical software such as R and Python
- Experience with large databases, particularly large-scale administrative data; experience with public sector data is preferred
- Demonstrated judgment and discretion in the handling of sensitive information
- Strong attention to detail with good organization skills
- Ability to work independently with a high degree of initiative
- Strong interpersonal skills, with the ability to effectively communicate with team members and work in a collaborative research environment
- Strong written communication skills

MINIMUM PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Chapin Hall is committed to ensuring the health and safety of our staff. We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely and follow U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance. During this time travel is suspended. The physical demands described here are

representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Must be able to remain in a stationary position for extended periods of time.
 - Must be able to operate a computer extensively for four (4) or more hours per day.
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Pre-employment background checks are required for all Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago positions.

To express interest in this opening, please visit <https://cssschcc.sentrchr.com>.

Formal expressions of interest are accepted online only. A cover letter, resume, writing sample, and reference contact information are required to be considered for this position.

Individuals in need of reasonable accommodations to complete the application process should contact Human Resources by calling (773) 256-5157, or by sending an email to humanresources@chapinhall.org.

Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer that values and actively seeks diversity in its workforce. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, status as an individual with disability, age, protected veteran status, or any other status protected by law.