**Research Assistant Candidate Survey of Interests and Experiences**

**Name:** 

**Expected Graduation Date:** 

**Availability Date:** 

Are you a United States citizen? Yes No

U.S. citizenship is required for Research Assistant positions.

1. The Board's economics divisions study a wide range of topics, including but not limited to the following broad areas of economic analysis and policy:

**Macroeconomics**

(General macro, public finance, unemployment, inflation, growth, and productivity)

**Microeconomics**

(Consumer behavior, labor markets, public finance, urban and regional economics, health, education, natural resource economics, and industrial organization)

**Financial Economics**

(Money & capital markets, banking, asset pricing, derivatives, and regulation)

**International Economics**

(Trade, international finance, and development)

**Computational Economics & Econometric Methods**

(Algorithm development and simulation methods)

**Economic Measurement**

(Survey research, economic statistics, and national accounting)

**Monetary Policy and Central Banking**

(Money markets, monetary policy, and FR operations)

Many qualified Research Assistant candidates have no clear preference among the many areas of research done at the Board; however, for those who do, indicating such could be helpful to finding the best fit among the different groups hiring research assistants. Please rank order the top 3, with 1 being the top, those broad areas of analysis that you are *most* interested in pursuing, or choose "no clear preference":

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| **1** |  |
| **2** |  |
| **3** |  |
|  | **No Clear Preference**  |

1. One of the attributes we consider in evaluating Research Assistant candidates is the ability to acquire and expand data analysis and programming skills. Please indicate your level of experience with *and* your degree of interest in the following areas:

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|  | **Experience** |  | **Degree of Interest** |
| **Limited/ None** | **Moderate** | **Extensive** | **Low** | **Moderate** | **Strong** |
| Compiling and manipulating datasets |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Statistical packages (Stata, R, SAS)Please specify: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Programming languages ( SQL, C++/C/Java, Perl/Python, Matlab)Please specify: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other programs and operating systems ( Mathematica, Unix/Linux)Please specify: |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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