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

Name:	
Expected Graduation	on Date:
Availability Date:	

Are you a United States citizen? <sup>CI</sup> Yes <sup>CI</sup> No U.S. citizenship is required for Research Assistant positions.

I. 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":

1	-
2	-
3	-

# No Clear Preference

II. 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:

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

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