

# Careers

## Research Assistant Candidate Survey Of Interests and Computer Experience

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Name:

Expected Graduation Date:

Availability Date:

Are you a United States citizen?  Yes  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 many 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

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No Clear Preference

**II. Responses to the prompts below are optional, but allow candidates to expand upon the qualifications that successful Research Assistants possess, including:**

- Collaboration – likes to help others, works well with peers and supervisors, and adds a new perspective
- Initiative – is resourceful and is eager to engage with RA tasks and topics
- Integrity – is truthful, respects confidentiality, and admits mistakes
- Perseverance – advances in unfamiliar or adverse situations
- Time management – manages multiple tasks well and is organized

1. Tell us how you have displayed perseverance and advanced in unfamiliar or adverse situations. Provide an example of an obstacle or challenge that you had to confront and how you dealt with it. (200 words or less)

2. Choose one of the other attributes listed above, and tell us how you have displayed it. Describe any experiences that particularly highlight your possession of this attribute and explain how it might help you as a research assistant. (200 words or less)

**III. Successful Research Assistants also possess 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	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Statistical packages (Stata, R, SAS) Please specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Programming languages (SQL, C++/C/Java, Perl/Python, Matlab) Please specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Experience				Degree of Interest		
	Limited/None	Moderate	Extensive		Low	Moderate	Strong
Other programs and operating systems (Mathematica, Unix/Linux) Please specify:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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