Job Announcement:
Research Fellow, Public Distribution and Price Risk in India
Evidence for Policy Design, Harvard University

Background: Evidence for Policy Design (EPoD) at Harvard University is a research program that promotes the use of rigorous evidence to inform the design of public policies in countries around the world. We inform public policy by working alongside policymakers to design and test interventions that will maximize the reach of public resources and more effectively deliver services to the poor. EPoD's cutting-edge research is identifying how policy design can best leverage policymaker and researcher insights to enable sustainable development. Current research topics at EPoD include governance, education, entrepreneurship, health, agriculture, sustainable development, and access to finance. Geographically, our research covers South Asia, Indonesia, parts of Africa and Latin America, and U.S. projects on health policy and political participation.

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Position Available: Public Distribution and Price Risk in India: EPoD is currently seeking a research fellow to work with Professor Monica Singhal at Harvard University to provide inputs at all stages of the academic research process: background research and funding applications, literature reviews, data acquisition and cleaning, analysis, write-ups of results, and paper revision. The fellow will perform analysis largely on the Indian National Sample Survey data.

Description: The position offers an opportunity to work closely with economists doing empirical research in top-tier academic institutions. The Research Fellow will collaborate with the Co-Principal Investigators (co-PIs) Professors Monica Singhal and Sandip Sukhtankar on the analysis of data related to household risk, transfer programs, and corruption in India as well as on other academic projects as needed.

Responsibilities: Rigorous statistical analysis; cleaning and managing large datasets; writing project reports and contributing to academic papers. There is a possibility of fieldwork, particularly in India, although this position is primarily based in Cambridge, MA. An interest in development economics is encouraged.

Qualifications: Bachelors or Masters in economics or a related field with strong quantitative background; prior research assistant experience preferred; proficiency programming in Stata; graduate-level coursework in economics and econometrics a plus.

How to Apply: Send an email to Epod@hks.harvard.edu following these instructions exactly:
- In the subject line: Put your full name, first (given) name followed by last (family) name, as well as “Singhal – Public Distribution and Price Risk in India”.
- In the email body: Include a short statement of interest and a description of your experience and skill level in Stata.
- Attach your CV, transcripts and reference letters from two professional or academic references. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, and you will benefit by submitting as early as possible. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview.