



Quantitative Research Analyst



Position Description

The SPHERE Institute and Acumen, LLC, seeks an entry level Research Analyst/Programmer to support research and consulting in the areas of health and social policy.

This position will provide analysis on major federal and state issues such as:

- Identifying strategies for pay-for-performance in public health insurance
- Promoting data-driven decision-making in youth development and K-12 education
- Monitoring health care claims to detect side effects from vaccines and prescription drugs
- Ensuring the effective delivery of the new Medicare prescription drug plan, including
 - The accuracy of drug prices
 - Subsidies for low-income individuals
 - Drug utilization and costs across regions
- Reducing risk of harm for individuals with developmental disabilities
- Improving the information available to social workers in the child welfare system
- Assessing the cost-effectiveness of alternative strategies for AIDS prevention and treatment in the US
- Determining appropriate child care subsidy rates for low-income families

Acumen is a meritocracy where the level of responsibility is commensurate to one's demonstrated abilities and initiative; there is no bureaucracy or rigid job definitions to impede professional development. Research Analysts typically:

- Interact with project officers and other government agency representatives and clients to access data and program information, determine analytical strategy and present findings
- Develop research files from large confidential datasets, such as health care claims, school records, child welfare case management data, probation cases, and developmental disabilities client records, as well as in-house surveys
- Conduct statistical and econometric analyses of data using statistical software
- Work with senior researchers on analysis and evaluation

Qualifications

- BA/BS in economics, statistics, math, public policy or related field is required; master's degree is preferred
- Experience in quantitative analysis and proven analytical ability; statistical or analytical programming experience strongly preferred but not required
- Enthusiasm for learning

This is a full time position, with salary based on experience / education. Benefits provided. To apply, please visit our website at www.sphereinstitute.org.jobs.