

Applying for Undergraduate and Graduate Student RA Positions

Yale undergraduate and graduate students interested in research assistant (RA) work on my projects are welcome to apply directly to me using the instructions on this form.

Available Projects

My research lies at the intersection of economics, finance, and real estate/urban economics. To see a list of my current projects, please visit: <https://www.cameronlapoint.com/>. If there is a particular project among those listed that interests you or that you feel would be a good fit given your skills and background, please specify so in your application email (see instructions below). Please note there may not be available RA work on some projects which are already at a late stage or nearing publication.

Qualifications

For most projects, quantitative and coding skills, especially in languages such as R, Python, MATLAB, or Stata are important. However, some projects may entail work relying on more qualitative methods such as collection of data by hand and submitting FOIA requests. *Given the nature of the data I use in much of my research, I am especially interested in candidates who have experience applying ArcGIS, Google Maps API, and modern spatial econometric techniques.* You need not be an Economics major or have an Economics degree, but some working knowledge of economics/finance principles would be useful. I welcome applicants from other fields – including but not limited to – finance, urban studies, computer science, mathematics/statistics, physics, and political science.

Application Instructions

Please email a single PDF document to cameron.lapoint@yale.edu with the subject line “**Yale Student RA Application.**” The PDF should include the following:

- Short cover letter (under one page) highlighting your qualifications/interest in the position, and your affiliation and year in your program at Yale.
- Resume/CV which clearly outlines (i) your familiarity with programming languages, (ii) any experience working as an RA or on independent research projects.
- Transcripts.
- Writing sample (e.g. a term paper) and coding sample (e.g. code written as part of an empirical assignment for a class), if available.

Tobin & Scarf RA Programs for Undergraduates

Eligible undergraduates are encouraged to first apply for any of my project openings listed as part of the Tobin or Scarf RA Programs offered through the Economics Department and described here: <https://economics.yale.edu/undergraduate/tobin-ra>