

Research Assistant

About HCCI

The Health Care Cost Institute (HCCI) is an independent, non-profit research institute located in Washington, D.C. with a mission to produce and promote research and analyses on the causes of rising U.S. health spending. HCCI maintains a national, multi-payer, longitudinal dataset containing previously inaccessible data on the private health insurance market in addition to Qualified Entity (QE) Medicare Fee-for-Service data, representing about 100 million covered lives a year. Researchers and policymakers use HCCI's data to study the health care system, evaluate existing and new policies, and assess quality. HCCI's own multi-disciplinary team of researchers produces reports of import to major health care stakeholders in an academic but fast-paced, small start-up environment. HCCI partners on projects with leading academic institutions around the U.S., collaborates with media organizations such as *The New York Times*, *Vox*, *The Washington Post*, *NBC*, and *Kaiser Health News*, and provides insights and recommendations to national and state legislators. For more information, visit our website: www.healthcostinstitute.org.

Exciting Opportunity to Use the Best Data to Assess and Address Health Care's Most Pressing Challenges

We are looking for Research Assistants to work collaboratively analyzing HCCI's expansive commercial and QE Medicare claims data. This position is ideal for candidates seeking to conduct empirical research in preparation for an advanced degree in a quantitative field as well as those interested in becoming deeply immersed in the many facets of health care. Position will be full-time with 40-hour work weeks.

Be part of a small, big-impact team producing critical health policy research:

- Build and analyze claims datasets to support research projects.
- Gain experience in statistical programming languages to analyze large health care data sets.
- Work with HCCI's research team to develop and co-author HCCI original publications on a variety of topics related to health care spending and utilization. Findings from recent HCCI research have been highlighted in news outlets, such as *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Vox*, and *The Economist*, and cited by Federal and State policy makers.
- Opportunity to co-author peer-reviewed research publications in outlets such as *Health Affairs*, the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, and *Health Services Research*.
- Collaborate on presentations for conferences like Academy Health's Annual Research Meeting and the National Health Policy Conference.
- Contribute to HCCI's business functions, including administrative tasks.
- Support other HCCI efforts as needed.

In our candidates, we look for:

- Bachelor's degree with either coursework or relevant work experience in a quantitative field including statistics, econometrics, or data science.
- Experience working on projects that involve quantitative analysis and/or data manipulation in an academic (e.g., class) or professional setting.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Strong problem solving and creative thinking skills.
- High self-motivation with demonstrated interest in taking initiative.
- Willingness to be a team player with an enthusiasm for learning new topics and new skills.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel.

Preference will be given to candidates with:

- Knowledge of and familiarity of policies governing the institutions of the U.S. health care System
- Experience using health care data sets such as health care claims data.
- Experience or proficiency performing statistical programming in languages, such as STATA, SAS, SQL, Python, or R.
- Experience visualizing data using Microsoft Excel Python, R, or Tableau.

Benefits:

HCCI provides competitive salaries and benefits to full-time employees, including retirement, health insurance with flexible spending account, gym reimbursement, opportunity to work remotely, and more!

Hiring Timeline

HCCI will begin accepting applications on **February 3rd, 2020** until **March 1st, 2020**

We will review applications from until **March 15th, 2020** and notify candidates of a decision by **March 31, 2020**.

To apply, please send a resume and undergraduate transcript (unofficial is sufficient) to careers@healthcostinstitute.org. Candidates may be asked to send additional information after initial screening.