

Graduate student researcher opportunity



The California Policy Lab seeks multiple graduate student researchers for Spring 2021. The GSR(s) would work remotely with CPL faculty affiliates and staff on several ongoing projects such as:

- A study of public assistance benefits among UC and community college students
- Building a model for the CA Penal Code to simulate potential changes by a state commission charged with recommending alterations
- Several projects using the new [UC Consumer Credit Panel](#)

CPL's mission is to improve the lives of Californians by generating evidence that transforms public policy. We do this by forming lasting partnerships between government and California's flagship public universities to harness the power of research and administrative data. We work on California's most urgent issues, including homelessness, poverty, criminal justice reform, racial justice, and education inequality. We have access to a broad array of powerful state and local administrative data.

The primary tasks for the GSR include data wrangling, cleaning, and analysis. They may also include literature reviews or other research tasks.

CPL is seeking candidates who are strongly quantitative and have a background in programming and data manipulation. Candidates should have experience coding in Stata, R, SAS, Python, or other similar language (experience with SQL is also a plus).

We seek GSRs for Spring 2021 and are open to keeping on strong candidates for subsequent terms. We have a track record of attracting and retaining talented early PhD students who appreciate having an institutional "home" where they can collaborate over several years.

We will consider GSRs for 24-50%, including potential for full fee remission.

To apply, please send a CV and a short statement of interest to christina.mckay@berkeley.edu. Please be sure to indicate (a) when you could start, (b) your % availability, and (c) your relevant experience. We will start reviewing applications on **November 16th** but will consider applications received after that date if positions remain open.