



## About the Research Division

The Research Division of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis is responsible for advising the Bank president on matters of economic policy. The division monitors the economic and financial literature and produces research in the areas of money and banking, macroeconomics, and international and regional economics. Other teams in Research work directly in the areas of economic data, education, information services and publications.

To learn more about the Research Division, visit [research.stlouisfed.org](https://research.stlouisfed.org).

## Bank Publications

- Review
- The Regional Economist
- Economic Synopses
- Working Paper Series
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# Economic Research at the Federal Reserve

The primary mission of the Research Division is to provide high-quality, timely advice to the Bank's president about monetary policy and banking issues. Producing and communicating important economic research are also crucial components of the division's responsibilities. Working with the division's economists, research associates play an integral role in achieving these objectives.

## What are the day-to-day activities?

- Perform statistical, econometric, computational and analytical research that economists can use for publication in academic journals.
- Utilize statistical packages such as Stata, SAS, R, Matlab, Fortran, Python and C++.
- Collect, organize and interpret economic and financial data.
- Review academic journals, market sources and government reports.
- Write memoranda or assist economists in developing memoranda and presentations on current economic and financial conditions and policy issues.
- Attend to additional assignments, including gathering and organizing survey data and anecdotal information and summarizing economic data for the Beige Book.

## How to Apply

Recruiting for new research associates typically begins in early October for starting positions in the spring/summer of the following year.

Interested applicants must submit all of the following documents on <https://research.stlouisfed.org/RAjobs/>.

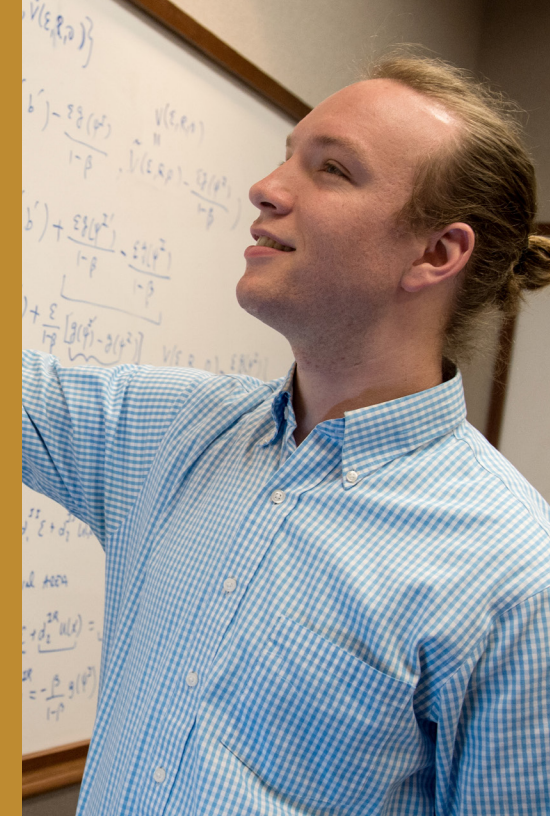
- Cover letter
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation sent directly to the email above
- Copy of unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Completed applicant summary document, found here:  
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Applications will not be considered without all of these materials.

For questions or concerns, contact [ra.recruiting@stls.frb.org](mailto:ra.recruiting@stls.frb.org).

Research Associates' contributions have resulted in co-authored articles

“Our paper analyzes how fiscal stimulus spending in one county positively affects labor market outcomes in neighboring counties. Such spillovers are important because they imply that fiscal policy can be an effective tool for mitigating the negative effects of a recession. Reading academic papers and applying them to this policy-relevant question was fascinating and has made me all the more eager to do graduate work in economics.”



## Qualifications

- A GPA of 3.5 or above
- Bachelor's degree in economics
- Strong background in mathematics and statistics, courses in:
  - Econometrics
  - Linear algebra
  - Differential equations
  - At least two semesters of calculus
- Previous economic research experience, such as undergraduate research assistant, research-related internship or independent research project.

## Recent Research Associates advanced to top graduate programs

- Ph.D. programs in economics, finance or statistics

University of California - Berkeley • Carnegie Mellon University • University of Chicago • Duke University • Georgetown University • University of Pennsylvania • Princeton University • Washington University in St. Louis • Yale University

- Master's programs in public policy

Harvard University • Indiana University • London  
School of Economics • University of Minnesota

- MBA or Master of Finance

Carnegie Mellon University • Washington University  
in St. Louis

- Law programs

George Washington University • Harvard University  
• University of Texas • Tulane University