Every Wednesday 11am - 1pm there is free coffee, tea and snacks in the Undergraduate Econ Lounge (Uris 477)

If you ever have any questions, feel free to reach out by email (mhm36@cornell.edu)

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The Need-to-Knows for Economics Undergraduates
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**Important Dates**

Jan 20th, 12:30pm [Intensive Interview Prep](#)
4:45pm Improve Your Interview Skills (Kaufmann Auditorium, GSH)

Jan 21st, First Day of Classes
4:35pm Summer Job & Internship Search (Lewis Auditorium, GSH)

Jan 22nd, 5:15pm Interviewing Skills for International Students (B25 Warren)

Jan 23rd, 9am - 4pm Mock Interview Madness
4:35pm Summer Job & Internship Search (Lewis Auditorium, GSH)

Jan 26th, 3:30pm [How to get an Internship in Consulting](#)
4:45pm Case Interview Prep (HED Auditorium, GSH)

Jan 29th, 10am Mock Interviews (103 Barnes)

Feb 3rd, 4:35pm Guidelines for Applying to Grad School (103 Barnes)

Feb 4th, [Last Day to Add Classes](#)

Feb 16 - 17 February Break

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**Cornell Econ in the News!**

Did you hear we're awesome?

In USA Today Cornell was named one of the top colleges to get an economics degree . . specifically number 8!

Here's what they said:

The economics department works to help students explore what factors affect the market and how those factors can cause
fluctuations in inflation, unemployment and other areas. The economics major at Cornell essentially looks at human behavior and its impact on business. Through supplementary classes that complement the major, graduates of this program leave the school with a dynamic understanding of the economy. They find positions in public, private and governmental agencies earning an average early career salary of $61,000 and an average mid-career salary of $127,000. Read the full story here.

Be proud to be a Cornell Economics Major!

Preparing for Interviews?

Check out prep materials from the Undergraduate Economics Office!

We have the following materials that are available for check out.

- Technical Interview Guide: Finance
- Vault Guide to Investment Banking
- Vault Guide to Finance Interviews: Supplement
- Behavioral Interview Guide: Finance
- Investment Banking Interview Q&A's

You can email mhm36@cornell.edu to check availability and reserve your copy.

WOW! 115 Students participate!

Economics Reading Project Gearing Up

Last week students signed up for small group discussions based on the book "The Art of Strategy" by Avinash Dixit and Barry Nalebuff.

If you got your copy of the book and forgot to sign up, email mhm36@cornell.edu and hopefully there is still space!

Even if you haven't read the book, you can still go to Barry Nalebuff's lecture on March 13th! Everyone can be a part of the First Annual Economics Reading Project! :)

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As usual, see below for Economics-related opportunities . . .

Economics Opportunities

NY Fed Summer Analyst

The Summer Analyst Internship program provides undergraduates an opportunity to learn about and contribute to the work done by the Research and Statistics Group. Over the course of this ten-week program, Summer Analysts assisting economists and research associates anlaysis pertaining to long-term, academically orientated research projects as well as current public policy issues and events. Over the course of the summer, Our our economists- whose specialties include banking and payment systems, capital markets, international economics, macroeconomics, and microeconomics- work closely with Summer AnalystsInterns on long-term, academically orientated research projects as well as current public policy work.

In addition to their daily responsibilities, summer analysts attend events and weekly presentations hosted by senior management. These presentations provide a broad and extensive overview of the Bank's responsibilities and operations. In addition to serving as a prime learning opportunity for undergraduate studentss interested in economic research, the summer analyst program also summer analysts are considered establishes a strong pool of candidates for recruitment into the full-time Research Analyst position at the FRBNY upon graduation.

We seek candidates who have records of superior scholarship and academic curiosity. Summer Analysts usually come from strong economics, mathematics, and computer science backgrounds,
though a major in one of these fields is not a necessity. Successful candidates often have previous research experience, and many are considering careers in economic research or other related fields. Ideal candidates will also have expertise with statistical programming software, such as Stata, SAS, or Matlab.

Applications are being accepted now until January 15 HERE. The Summer Analyst position is an unparalleled opportunity to work with a world-class research and policy team. We would greatly appreciate your encouragement of bright and interested students to apply.

Sincerely,
--Sara Shahanaghi

Research Analyst, Macroeconomic and Monetary Studies
Note: Information about citizenship and eligibility requirements are provided in the job posting at http://www.newyorkfed.org/careers/current_opportunities.html.

Federal Reserve Board: Research Assistants

The Federal Reserve Board is currently hiring Research Assistants during our Spring recruiting season, February-March, for positions that begin in the summer.

Each year, the Board hires approximately 80 recent graduates in economics, math, or related fields as RAs. These positions are highly competitive and very quantitative in nature. While at the Board, RAs work closely with economists and analysts on a broad range of topics covering real-world policy issues and academic-type research. After their time at the Board, many of our RAs move on to top graduate school programs.

To be considered for these positions, candidates must submit application materials by January 31 for the Spring recruiting season. Complete application instructions are available at http://www.federalreserve.gov/careers/ra.htm.

A limited number of summer internships are also available each year. Application procedures and deadline information for this program can be found here.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any additional questions.
Best,
Dustin
Research Recruiter

Please direct all correspondence to researchassistant@frb.gov. Thank you.

PhD Program in Economics Analysis and Policy: Tulane

Our program is growing but is still relatively new.

Our distinguishing features include: generous funding, small and highly selective cohorts, and a
strong applied policy focus. The program is based in the Department of Economics, but it has important partnerships that foster interdisciplinary approach, including the Freeman School of Business, the Stone Center for Latin American Studies, the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, and the Murphy Institute of Political Economy. We are focusing on fields where we have considerable strength: public economics, health, education, and human capital, or inequality and poverty.

More information and application instructions can be found at http://econ.tulane.edu/grad/. E-mail enquiries can be sent to me (Director of Graduate Studies), at edwards@tulane.edu. We will begin reviewing applications February 1, 2015.

Thanks in advance for your help!

Best wishes,

John H. Y. Edwards
Director of Graduate Studies
Department of Economics
Tulane University

Green Corps

Early Winter Application Deadline: Tuesday, January 27th, 2015

Green Corps is looking for college graduates who are ready to take on the biggest environmental challenges of our day. In Green Corps’ yearlong paid program, you'll get intensive training in the skills you need to make a difference in the world. You'll get hands-on experience fighting to solve urgent environmental problems - global warming, deforestation, water pollution, factory farming and many others - with groups like Sierra Club and Food & Water Watch. And when you graduate from Green Corps, we'll help you find a career with one of the nation's leading environmental and social change groups.

For more information, read on or visit http://www.greencorps.org.

In your year with Green Corps:

Be trained by the best: Green Corps organizers take part in trainings with leading figures in the environmental and social change movements: people like Phil Radford, Executive Director of Greenpeace USA, and Bill McKibben, author and founder of 350.org.

Gain experience across the country: Green Corps sends organizers to jumpstart campaigns for groups such as Corporate Accountability International, Food & Water Watch, and Toxics Action Center in across the nation.

Make an impact on today’s environmental challenges: Green Corps organizers have built the campaigns that helped keep pass the first GMO labeling law; led to new laws to support clean, renewable energy; convinced major corporations to stop dumping in our oceans; and much, much more.

Get paid! Green Corps organizers earn a salary of $25,000. Organizers also have a chance to opt into our health care program. We offer paid sick days and holidays, two weeks paid vacation and a student loan repayment program for those who qualify.

Launch your career: Green Corps will help connect you to environmental and progressive groups that are looking for full-time staff to build their organizations and help them create social change and protect our environment.
The application process:

In the next few months, we'll invite 35 college graduates to join Green Corps in 2015 - 2016. We're looking for people who are serious about saving the planet, people who have taken initiative on their campus or community, and people who are willing to roll up their sleeves and work for change over the long haul.

If you think you're one of those people, visit www.greencorps.org to apply to join the 2015-2016 class of Green Corps' Field School for Environmental Organizing.

Green Corps' yearlong program begins in August 2015 with Introductory Classroom Training in Boston, and continues with field placements in multiple locations across the U.S. Candidates must be willing to relocate.

For more information, visit www.greencorps.org or contact Lucy Sedgwick, Lead Recruiter, at lsedgwick@publicinterestnetwork.org.

U.S. PIRG: 2015-2016 Job Description

Spring Application Deadline: March 1

PIRG stands for the Public Interest Research Group. We're looking for people who agree that America has more problems than we should tolerate, but who also understand that there are plenty of solutions we should be putting to use. We're hiring people to cast a brighter spotlight on problems like the overuse of antibiotics on factory farms, or the way that a few billionaires, Super PACs and corporations are spending more than ever to influence our elections.

Our work doesn't stop at exposing problems. We organize the public to win practical solutions to these problems. We'll train you how to make the biggest impact through grassroots organizing, media outreach, lobbying public officials and building coalitions. The special interests have their lobbyists. We're looking to hire people like you to become advocates for the public interest.

Spring Application Deadline: March 1st - Positions are competitive, so apply soon!

Responsibilities may include:

- Recruiting new groups to join a coalition
- Building relationships with legislators and VIPs
- Organizing news events and rallies, and generating the grassroots support it takes to win campaigns
- During the summer, each Fellow runs a citizen outreach office. This entails fundraising and building the organization, by canvassing and training others to canvass.

Qualifications:

- Strong work ethic
- Outstanding verbal and written communication
- Proven leadership skills
- Strong commitment to getting results
- Passion for making positive social change
Locations
Chicago, IL
Boston, MA
Denver, CO
Washington, DC

Salary & Benefits
Fellows earn $25,000 in the first year and $26,500 in the second year. U.S. PIRG offers a competitive benefits package. Eligible staff receive paid holidays, sick days, and vacation days; and the opportunity to enroll in our group health care, college loan assistance, and 401(k) programs. We also offer an excellent training program and opportunities for advancement.

Find out more
Find out more information at jobs.USPIRG.org. If you have any questions you can contact Marites Velasquez, U.S. PIRG Recruitment Director at marites@pirg.org

How To Apply
Apply online at jobs.USPIRG.org by March 1st. Positions are competitive, so apply soon! On-campus interview opportunities may be available in February.

U.S. PIRG and all PIRG-affiliated organizations are equal opportunity employers and will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, age, handicap, pregnancy, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Mathematica Policy Research Analyst Position
Mathematica Policy Research (MPR), a social policy and research firm headquartered in Princeton, NJ has a few great job opportunities.

We are interested in recruiting alumni that have recently graduated (Summer/Fall 2014) and spring 2015 graduates from your school for our Data Analytics Associate position open in our Princeton, NJ; Washington, DC and Cambridge, MA locations. Below is a brief overview of the position, but I have also attached the job notice which details the position further (a direct URL to apply online is included).

As a Data Analytics Associate you will be charged with several tasks including:

- Performing data management and data analysis of federal and state information systems.
- Performing software quality assurance and testing, including the development of testing tools using Excel, SQL, C#, and/or SAS
- Providing technical assistance to federal and state agencies on data collection, performance measurement, performance analysis, data quality, and reporting and validation software
- Assisting in the development and review of reporting specifications, user manuals, and other documentation requirements.
- Assisting in qualitative and quantitative analyses and evaluate program operations/systems.

Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in a relevant field or equivalent experience
- Open to learning new programming languages and libraries both on your own and in a collaborative environment.
- Desire and ability to learn and thrive in an environment that involves responsibility for accuracy and deadline-driven deliverables.
- Demonstrated experience in managing or analyzing data with a statistical package or
programming language

- Commitment to Mathematica's mission
- Ability to pass a security clearance (if required)

Solid Pluses

- Interest in policy research
- Proficiency with MS Office suite, including Excel and Access
- Experience with data visualization
- Knowledge of database concepts
- Demonstrated initiative in developing new technical skills

Also, we are looking for Research Assistant/Programmers in our Princeton, NJ; Washington, DC; Chicago, IL; Oakland, CA and Cambridge, MA locations. Below is a brief overview of the position, but I have also attached the job notice which details the position further (a direct URL to apply online is included).

Research

- Prepare tables and graphs based on data analyses.
- Compile, track, and analyze data and prepare reports.
- Assist with writing reports and memos.
- Conduct site visits.
- Perform literature searches, review, and abstract articles.
- Conduct interviews with organizations and study participants.
- Assist with any other project activities as needed.

Programming

- Write programs in SAS or Stata to extract, clean, and format data and to create variables for use in analyses.
- Perform statistical analyses of data.
- Construct datasets and prepare data files from survey instruments.
- Produce descriptive statistics and tables.

Project Management

- Track financial progress of projects using Excel.
- Prepare monthly assessment reports.
- Assist with budgeting and contract proposals.

Position Requirements

- A bachelor's degree with an excellent academic record, including courses in economics/social science, mathematics/statistics, or computer science.
- Academic or work experience performing data analysis using a statistical computer package.
- Strong organizational skills and the ability to work with others.
- An interest in being a member of a team engaged in social policy research.

Please review and distribute to your students and alumni accordingly. We will be reviewing applications in the upcoming weeks, so please encourage any students that are interested in the position to apply by the end of this month, but we'll be reviewing resumes into early spring.

Thanks for your time and assistance.

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