

## Research Specialist with Johannes Haushofer, Nairobi – Busara Center for Behavioral Economics

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Organization: Busara Center for Behavioral Economics

Country: Kenya

Education: Bachelor's, Master's, other advanced degrees

Start Date (Earliest): 1 March 2024

Start Date (Latest): 1 September 2024

Language Requirement: English

Length of Commitment: Two years

Johannes Haushofer's academic projects team at the Busara Center for Behavioral Economics in Nairobi, Kenya is seeking applications for a research specialist. We conduct lab and field experiments in both developing and developed countries, addressing questions in development and behavioral economics.

The position is based at the Busara Center for Behavioral Economics in Nairobi, Kenya, which works with researchers and organizations to advance and apply behavioral science in pursuit of poverty alleviation. The successful applicant will participate in all aspects of the work, particularly around planning and execution of field and lab experiments and data

analysis. The position is particularly appropriate for candidates with backgrounds in quantitative social science and experience in experimental methods and overseeing field studies.

Responsibilities include:

Supervising the planning and implementation of lab and field studies

Managing field and lab teams

Liaising and coordinating with academic research teams and non-governmental organizations to conduct experimental research

Programming tasks and questionnaires

Analyzing administrative and experimental datasets

Produce publication-quality tables and charts

Preparing academic papers for publication

Contributing to grant-writing, ethics approvals, and budgeting

About the candidate

Essential Qualifications and Traits:

Bachelor's degree in economics, statistics, political science, psychology, mathematics, or related discipline requiring substantial quantitative coursework

Strong academic record

Strong skills in econometrics and programming (especially STATA and/or R)

Keen understanding of randomized controlled trials

Strong ability to produce publication-quality deliverables and communicate the findings to a wide audience

Strong analytical and writing skills

Strong managerial and organizational skills

Strong problem-solving skills, solution-oriented, with a mentality for continuous improvement of yourself and the organization

Collaborative, collegial and excited to work with diverse teams

Highly self-motivated and able to take initiative without much supervision

Willingness to be based in Nairobi, Kenya for at least two years

Preferred Qualifications and Traits include:

Master's degree in Economics, Social Sciences, Public Policy or related fields

Previous experience living and/or conducting research in low-income countries is highly valued

Previous research experience in designing and conducting field and/or lab experiments

Interest and training in development and behavioral economics

Leadership potential with the ability to inspire and lead field and lab teams with intelligence, dedication and kindness

Grant and paper writing experience

A two-year commitment is required. Initial appointment is for one year, with renewal pending

satisfactory performance. The proposed start date is flexible.

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