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## **Part-Time Research Assistantship for Economics COVID-19 Project**

**Research Assistantship (RA) position:** Professors Plamen Nikolov, Andreas Pape, and Ozlem Tonguc in Binghamton University's Department of Economics are looking for a part-time undergraduate research assistant to assist with an ongoing economics research project concerning COVID-19.

Communication and project activities will be conducted entirely online so there will not be any in-person activities. The student will support the activities of the principal investigators and will collaborate with other undergraduate research assistants and graduate students. Specific project support tasks will include data cleaning, interaction with human subjects, data analysis, creating data visualizations, and presenting analyses. Because Binghamton University has itself moved online in response to the pandemic, all research support activities (including human subject interactions) will be conducted entirely via online platforms or phone surveys.

**Position Requirements:** The target groups are current undergraduate majors who returning in the fall. Preference will be given to undergraduate Economics, Psychology, Neuroscience, and Political Science majors or candidates majoring in Engineering fields, Mathematics, or Computer Science who aim to broaden their research experience before pursuing graduate studies in a social science discipline. Time commitment will average 10 to 20 hours per week for four to six weeks starting as soon as possible.

**How to apply:** Please email Plamen Nikolov ([pnikolov@binghamton.edu](mailto:pnikolov@binghamton.edu)) a single PDF document named **“Lastname\_Firstname”** and subject line “COVID-19 Research Study” containing the following materials into a single PDF document:

- (1) a short 1-page cover letter discussing the following:
  - a. why you are interested in being a research assistant for this particular project,
  - b. performance in past statistics courses and your familiarity with programming languages,
  - c. and a brief statement outlining your prior research experience (if any),
  - d. an example of a previous project in which you carried out analyses independently, and
  - e. your short-term career plans and/or plans for graduate studies (if any).
- (2) a copy of your resume;
- (3) an unofficial copy of your undergraduate transcript(s);
- (4) a 5-page writing sample of your own work.

**Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted or called for a Zoom interview.**