RESEARCH ASSOCIATE POSITION, RESEARCH DIVISION

POLICE EXECUTIVE RESEARCH FORUM

The Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), a leading national police research institution and membership organization based in Washington, DC, seeks candidates to fill a research associate position within PERF’s Center for Applied Research and Management. PERF focuses on critical and emerging issues in the field, including use of force, officer safety and wellness, police technology, data collection practices, program evaluation, and evidence-based policing. PERF has earned a national reputation for conducting rigorous research, including a recent randomized control trial evaluating the effect of body-worn cameras on community perceptions. PERF has an excellent track record of collaborating with police agencies across the nation, allowing PERF researchers a unique level of access to conduct high-profile law enforcement projects.

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE RESPONSIBILITIES:

PERF offers a unique research environment that studies current policing issues on a national scale. This position will involve hands-on experience with law enforcement research and public policy.

The successful candidate may have responsibilities in the following areas:

- designing studies and experiments to answer important research questions about modern policing
- working closely with police leaders and frontline police officers, including traveling to conduct on-site research at police departments and other criminal justice agencies
- using modern data science techniques and rigorous analytical methods
- developing new research concept papers and proposals for governments at the city, state, and federal level, as well as foundations sponsoring policing research
- staying current on policing scholarship including gathering, reviewing, and analyzing current policing literature and research
- authoring reports, creating research summaries for police leaders, and publishing research articles
- preparing and delivering presentations for police leaders and research conferences
- coordinating and conducting meetings convening project sponsors, police leaders, and researchers

QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants must be detail-oriented, self-motivated, able to multi-task, work well individually and in a team setting, and have strong computing skills. Additionally, applicants should have the ability to present ideas, findings and recommendations effectively, both orally and in writing, to diverse audiences. Specifically, all applicants must meet the following requirements:
- Master’s Degree and completed doctoral-level coursework (completed Ph.D. strongly preferred) in criminology/criminal justice or a related social science field;
- Possess a familiarity with both historical and current policing scholarship;
- Possess a familiarity with advanced research methods and analytical techniques; and
- Ability to learn and execute new data and statistical methods.

**Applying for a position at PERF:** PERF offers competitive salaries and excellent benefits.

**Send letter of interest, resume, a writing sample, salary requirements, and a list of three references** to Nathan Ballard at [nballard@policeforum.org](mailto:nballard@policeforum.org). Application review will start immediately and continue until the position is filled. Application packets that do not contain the required materials will not be considered. **PERF is an equal opportunity employer that values and actively seeks cultural and intellectual diversity in the workforce.** For more information on PERF, please see our website at [www.PoliceForum.org](http://www.PoliceForum.org).