Research Assistant – Temporary
Poverty Solutions at the University of Michigan
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy
Hours per week: 15-25 hours
Pay: $12 per hour as an undergraduate student, $16 per hour as a master’s student.
Job Code:
NOTE: Research Assistant posting is June-August with possibility for extension

OVERVIEW
Launched in October 2016, Poverty Solutions at the University of Michigan is a new interdisciplinary initiative that aims to become a leader in informing, identifying, and testing new strategies for the prevention and alleviation of poverty in Michigan, the nation and the world. While rooted in an understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty, the focus of Poverty Solutions is an action-based research agenda. The initiative partners with community and policy makers to inform and test strategies for the prevention and alleviation of poverty.

RESPONSIBILITIES
Poverty Solutions is seeking a Research Assistant for Summer 2019 to assist with work on the New Detroit Racial Equity Report. Working closely with Poverty Solutions staff, master’s and undergraduate research assistants, the Research Assistant will be involved in activities such as:

- Review data by race and ethnicity across the three counties of Metro Detroit and city of Detroit for education, income, and environmental health indicators.
- Identify key racial equity findings,
- Make format and visualization recommendations on how New Detroit can tell the story.
- Assist with data analysis across other initiatives
- Contribute to a Detroit-based project on economic mobility
- Other responsibilities are flexible and can potentially be tailored to align with RA’s interest & expertise

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS
- Pursuing an undergraduate or Master’s degree with a strong interest in cross-disciplinary approaches to poverty alleviation– applicants from all units across campus are encouraged to apply.
- Interest in being a part of a fast-paced initiative, with desire to be flexible and adapt to evolving priorities
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, including spelling, grammar and punctuation
- Excellent organizational with demonstrated attention to detail, particularly with the ability to manage multiple projects at a time.
- Ability to work both as part of a team and individually while meeting deadlines
- Excellent interpersonal skills including the ability to work cooperatively and professionally with faculty and staff across the University of Michigan campus, with local and national partners, and to serve as a representative of the initiative

June 2019
HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to Natalie Peterson, povertysolutionsjobs@umich.edu. Please include where you heard about the job in your email.

Deadline to apply is June 17th, but we will review applications as we receive them.