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Job Description: NYCHA Urban Agriculture Initiative Evaluation

Seeking a p/t research assistant (~15 hours/week) to assist with an evaluation of the NYC Housing Authority's Urban Agriculture Initiative (UAI). The UAI is a three-year project to construct and operate 5 urban farms at NYCHA facilities throughout the five boroughs. The goals of the UAI include: youth development and job readiness; improved food access and nutrition; food and nutrition education; and activation of the spaces surrounding the farms. The CUNY Urban Food Policy Institute will evaluate the activities and outcomes using various qualitative and quantitative measures. Depending on experience and interest, the research assistants will be responsible for: (1) secondary data analysis of neighborhood demographics, health, and food environments surrounding the farms; (2) survey design, administration, data compilation, and data analysis; and (4) additional research tasks as needed. Data collection begins immediately. Please apply by submitting a brief cover letter explaining your interest in the position along with a resume/CV and a *brief* writing sample (a class paper) to Professor Nevin Cohen: Nevin.cohen@sph.cuny.edu.

Supervisor: Nevin Cohen

Title: Research Assistants--Evaluation

Time commitment: ~15 hours/week beginning mid- to late October

Desired skills/background: Candidates should have an interest in food policy, project evaluation, and qualitative research, and should be organized, detail-oriented, with solid writing skills. Some site visits may be required.

Level of study: Undergraduate, Masters or Doctoral in relevant field

Location: 55 West 125th Street, New York, NY 10027

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