



Rotational IPA Assignment

Research Analyst or Senior Research Analyst

The Data Foundation is a Washington, DC-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that seeks to define an open future for our data, for a better government and society. The Data Foundation provides research, analysis, education, and programming that aims to improve the country's data policies.

As the country's leading data policy think tank, the Data Foundation supports informed dialogue and thought leadership on emerging strategies and applications for accessing, using, and applying data in ways that are useful for decision-making. By collecting, sharing, and using data in new ways, government and society can become more open, more effective, and more efficient.

POSITION OVERVIEW

This position is for GS-9 to GS-15 federal employees who are eligible for a rotational assignment (detail) under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) on a non-reimbursable basis. The Data Foundation is currently seeking experienced researchers to support activities for ongoing and emerging research projects.

The Research Analyst or Senior Research Analyst requires experience working with federal laws, regulations, or policies that relate to how agencies collect, organize, and make data accessible. Potential areas of expertise could include research, data science, natural science, statistics, policy analysis, performance management, evaluation, computer science, or privacy.

The position focuses on the following core responsibilities:

- Enhancing the Data Foundation's capacity to engage in relevant research and activities regarding implementation of key data and evidence laws, including the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018, the OPEN Government Data Act, the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2018, the Government Performance Results Act Modernization Act of 2010, and the Paperwork Reduction Act.
- Supporting Data Foundation activities that encourage public discourse about the use of data in society, including for evidence-informed policymaking and data-driven decision-making.

The analyst will be expected to learn about new and evolving policy issues, and will interact with policy experts, researchers, political leaders. The position will provide opportunities to write substantive content, to conduct primary research, to develop public-facing explanatory materials, and to engage with policymakers and academics.

This is ideally a 6-month, full-time rotational assignment in Washington, DC, with longer durations available. The position is non-supervisory and will report to the Interim President.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Enhancing the Data Foundation's capacity to engage in dialogue and policy-relevant activities regarding data policies
- Provide subject matter expertise on relevant data policies and practices in the Federal government
- Conduct primary research on issues that relate to data policies, including privacy technologies, artificial intelligence, confidentiality protections, data sharing approaches, or other aspects of data infrastructure or management.
- Draft white papers and articles, and develop policy options on issues related to the availability, use, and protection of survey and administrative data for decision-making
- Develop relevant policy briefs, blog posts, and fact sheets that address timely issues of relevance to the Data Foundation
- Plan and support events sponsored by the Data Foundation to provide lay-accessible dialogue about relevant concepts and issues
- Lead or support ongoing working groups related to government data strategies

QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETANCIES

- Experience conducting and using policy research
- Willingness to work in a non-partisan capacity
- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively, particularly through written materials
- Knowledge of and interest in data policy, evidence-based policymaking, statistical policy, evaluation policy, science policy, or privacy policy
- Demonstrated understanding of or experience working with implementation of Federal government programs and policies
- Ability to multi-task on numerous projects, large and small, in both collaborative and independent situations
- Demonstrated research and organizational skills

REQUIRED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Applicant must have a relevant graduate degree and work experience with the Federal government on issues that relate to or interact with policies about data, confidentiality, privacy, IT systems, research, statistics, evaluation, or performance management.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Individuals interested in this position should send a resume and brief explanatory statement about your interest in the position to info@datafoundation.org including the position title in the subject line of the email.

If selected, the Data Foundation will work with the individual and agency to enter into an Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) agreement for the mobility assignment. For more information on the IPA, individuals should consult with their managers and agency human resource office. Also, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management guidance on IPAs can be found here: <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/hiringinformation/intergovernment-personnel-act/>

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