

National Ethics Project
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Research Assistant Job Description

JOB OVERVIEW

The National Ethics Project (NEP) is a mixed-methods research project that seeks to understand comprehensively where and how ethics instruction occurs in the US by focusing on the key perspectives of students, instructors, and institutions. It brings together educators, practitioners, and researchers to illuminate areas of need and to develop high-impact interventions. NEP will give individuals and institutions the tools to assess how ethics is (or is not) being taught at their institution, and it will empower them to grow their ethics education initiatives.

We are currently looking for one or more additional research assistants who can assist the team with data collection, data entry, and other research-related activities. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work with NEP team researchers to further develop and implement protocols to investigate the general education curriculum of US universities as well as any ethics-related institutions or organizations hosted by the universities.
- Train undergraduate research assistants to use the coding methods developed by the research team.
- Conduct a literature review on the history and the state of ethics and moral education in American higher education.
- Assist the paper revision process.
- Attend the weekly team meetings and report progress and updates.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Currently enrolled in a relevant masters or doctoral program at Harvard.
- Can commit to the project for 6 months at a minimum.

- Strong interests in topics related to higher education, ethics, or moral education/ development.
- Strong communication skills as well as writing skills.

HOURS AND COMPENSATION

- 10 hours/ week
- \$30/ hour

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- CV
- Cover Letter

Please email all materials as PDFs to Jess Miner, the Executive Director of the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, at jess@ethics.harvard.edu.