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Professor [Sean Higgins](#) is looking to hire a full-time or part-time Research Assistant, based in Chile or remote. We are collaborating with Comisión para el Mercado Financiero (CMF), the Chilean financial regulator, to better understand how technology can improve consumers' decision-making in financial markets (together with Dr. Erik Berwart (CMF), Dr. Sheisha Kulkarni (University of Virginia) and Dr. Santiago Truffa (Universidad Adolfo Ibañez, Chile)). The project combines large administrative data sets with a randomized controlled trial (RCT).

The ideal candidate is fluent in both English and Spanish with a strong academic record, a bachelor's or master's degree, experience performing statistical analyses in R, and interest in going on to a PhD program in economics, finance, or public policy. The RA will be primarily focused on implementing a survey in collaboration with our research partners in Chile. Previous research assistants that have worked with Professor Higgins have been accepted to PhD programs at top universities including Berkeley, Harvard, MIT, Northwestern, LSE, Princeton, Stanford, and Yale.

Research duties include:

- Designing and implementing surveys in coordination with research partners.
- Performing statistical analyses on large data sets, primarily using R. Python is also useful.
- Designing and running experiments.
- Writing up results for presentations and publications.
- Conducting literature reviews.

If interested, please send an email as soon as possible to Agustin Valenzuela Pidal at agustin.valenzuelapidal@kellogg.northwestern.edu with the subject line **“Survey Chile RA Application – Your Last Name_Your First Name.”** Please include the following documents as part of your application, with their corresponding names:

- **cover_letter_{Your Last Name}_{Your First Name}**: A one-page cover letter describing your career or academic goals, your experience with economic research (e.g., as a research assistant or your senior thesis), and a description of your programming background.
- **script_{1 or 2}_{Your Last Name}_{Your First Name}**: One or two scripts (i.e. files with programming code) that you have written to analyze data in R, as well as one in your strongest programming language if that is not R (e.g., Python or Stata).
- **cv_{Your Last Name}_{Your First Name}**: A current CV.
- **transcript_{Your Last Name}_{Your First Name}**: Your undergraduate (and graduate if applicable) transcript.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. The starting date is flexible.