Undergraduate Research Assistant at Mailman School of Public Health

**Job Description:** Undergraduate research assistants (ages 18-20) are needed for a field data collection project at Columbia’s Mailman School of Public Health. The project, which is funded by the National Institutes of Health, aims to evaluate tobacco control policy compliance in multiple sites across the US, including New York City. Data collectors will attempt to purchase a variety of tobacco products in a sample of Manhattan retailers (e.g., convenience stores, newsstands) and document whether they were asked to show identification and whether a purchase was made (Note: It is not against the law to purchase tobacco as a minor in NYC. Instead, retailers can be penalized for underage sales, but data from this research study will be kept completely confidential). All data collectors will be provided with unlimited monthly MTA MetroCards and cash for the purchase attempts.

**Duration:** This is a temporary, part-time position from September – November. Research assistants are expected to work approximately 10-15 hours per week.

**Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Attend a 2-day training covering research and safety protocols
- Travel throughout Manhattan using public transportation and on foot
- Attempt to purchase various tobacco products from a pre-selected sample of retailers
- Ensure completeness and accuracy of data collection
- Document and maintain receipts for all expenses

**Qualifications:**

- Between 18-20 years old
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- Highly organized and detail-oriented
- Some experience with research methods and data collection preferred

**Compensation:** $20 per hour

Students interested in applying can send an introductory e-mail and résumé to Dr. Daniel Giovenco at dg2984@columbia.edu