I am actually writing to ask for a little help. I work at MITRE, a non-profit, that manages many Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs), including the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) the CMS/ HHS FFRDC. This is all the detail you would need to know to understand what this means, https://health.mitre.org/ - but the short explanation is that we work across the government, for many HHS agencies, to “drive innovations in healthcare, public and population health, and social services”. I have had the opportunity to work on several projects related to the opioid epidemic- I worked with CMS on Medicaid/Medicare payment strategies for women with OUD, as well as on new data collection efforts around opioid use with the CDC.

I am currently working with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of HHS on a program evaluation of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs across the US (the programs are community based, NOT school based, and we are expecting about 12 sites). We are assessing how effective these programs are at improving youths’ knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, and intentions (KABIs) around sexual activity and health, among high-risk, vulnerable, and culturally under-represented youth (e.g. youth in the juvenile justice system, foster care, minority youth, pregnant or parenting youth, and homeless and runaway youth). I am leading the quantitative aspects of the program evaluation, a quasi-experimental pre/post and 3 month follow-up study, and we are in need of an intern who is also a trained statistician! (see figure)
I am hoping you may know of, or can share this opportunity with your senior stats students or post docs. This is a PAID internship. The intern would come to MITRE in Tyson's VA for an orientation (they would be issued a MITRE laptop) but can work remotely about 15-20hrs/ week. There is also an opportunity to remain a full time employee if the fit is good, so if you have any students interested in exploring careers outside of academia with the government we would love to meet them. We are looking for someone who is able to work independently to clean and transform raw survey data into an analytic data-set, as well as help and guide (even suggest) appropriate analyses in R (or python), and aide in the interpretation & translation of the findings for our government sponsor.

I am happy to discuss the study in more detail with those who are interested. Thanks for any leads!

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