

# CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SURVEY SPECIALISTS

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We currently have openings for survey specialists in our **Washington, DC, Oakland, CA, Princeton, NJ, Chicago, IL, and Cambridge, MA**, offices. As a survey specialist, you would join our staff of research professionals who conduct a wide range of research projects. We offer our employees a stimulating, team-oriented work environment, competitive salaries, generous paid time off, a comprehensive benefits package, and the advantages of employee ownership.

Survey specialists draw on technical skills, leadership abilities, and strong communication to perform varied survey research project work related to data collection and project management. Examples include developing and testing survey instruments, developing and conducting trainings, managing data collection operations and coordinating with junior staff, reviewing data and paradata, and tracking and reporting project operations to senior management.

## **Qualifications for the position:**

### **Education and Experience**

- Masters degree in a social science or related field plus some demonstrated survey research or related experience; or
- Bachelor's degree in a social science or related field plus three to five years survey research or related experience; or
- A combination of equivalent education and work experience may be substituted for the above requirements.

### **Duties of the Position are Varied and Typically Include:**

- Supporting senior staff in project leadership (such as task planning and oversight, progress reporting, monitoring subcontractor activity)
- Developing project materials (such as survey instruments, training materials, operations manuals, quality control specifications), training interviewers, and conducting pretests
- Managing data collection and quality control efforts
- Coordinating work of junior staff on projects and mentoring their professional development
- Coordinating with statisticians, programmers, and researchers to integrate project work
- Using MS Project and other tools to assume project management responsibilities and monitor project activities to ensure that time and budget constraints are met
- Preparing memos and assists with writing sections of descriptive reports and proposals
- Exhibiting initiative to take on new opportunities, further own professional development, and become an organizational leader

### **Strong candidates will have:**

- In-depth knowledge of survey operations and best practices
- Demonstrated managerial and leadership skills
- Familiarity and experience with CATI, CAPI, web surveys or other data collection methods
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Strong critical thinking skills and ability to make independent decisions
- Flexibility to handle multiple priorities, sometimes simultaneously, under deadline pressure
- Ability to thrive in a collaborative team environment
- Familiarity and experience with standard MS packages, such as Excel, Access and Word
- Ability to deal tactfully and diplomatically with others
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively on teams
- Willingness to travel to other locations as necessary
- Willingness to be flexible with work hours and assignments
- Spanish, French, or other language fluency is a plus

To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, transcripts (unofficial are OK), writing sample, and contact information for three references via our online employment web-site at (COPY AND PASTE URL INTO WEB BROWSER):

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(1) Visit Mathematica's career opportunities website at <http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/Employment/>

(2) Select the "Career Opportunities" link from the left navigation menu, then follow the directions to search available positions by position title, location(s), and/ or functional area(s). Next select "Search".

(3) When a position of interest is selected, click "Apply Now" and begin creating your application.

- A resume will be a required document that must be attached to complete the online application process.

- Many of our positions require additional supporting documents (e.g. transcripts, writing samples, references, or letters of recommendation). Please review the posting carefully to determine what supporting documents are required for the position to which you would like to apply.

- There is a maximum file size of 2000 KB for any file uploaded to Mathematica's online application system.

- Transcripts can be unofficial.

(4) You can review the status of your application by logging into the system with the unique user name and password created during the application process.

*General questions:* Inquiries about working at MPR, employment, positions, and the online application system should be sent to the HR mailbox at [HumanResources@mathematica-mpr.com](mailto:HumanResources@mathematica-mpr.com).

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