Research Assistant: Environmental Performance Metrics

For over twenty years, Yale’s Environmental Performance Index (EPI) has emerged as the premier framework of national-scale metrics for global environmental policy analysis. The framework offers a policy-relevant scorecard that highlights leaders and laggards in environmental performance, gives insight on best practices, and provides guidance for countries that aspire to be leaders in sustainability. Policymakers, scholars, NGO leaders, and the media rely upon the biennial release of the EPI for policy insights and tracking trends in sustainability. The EPI turns the latest advances in environmental science and data into a powerful summary of the state of sustainability around the world. To learn more about the EPI, visit https://epi.yale.edu.

The EPI team seeks to hire up to three research assistants in support of several projects:

1. Framing the structure and refinements to the 2020 EPI, including reviewing international datasets and developments in global sustainability priorities.

2. Development of metrics of national performance on issues related to sustainable consumption and production relevant to the Sustainable Development Goals.

3. Development of metrics of national performance on issues related to waste management that would enhance the 2020 EPI.

4. Efforts to take the EPI model to the city and state scales and develop structures for sub-national actors to report their contributions toward greenhouse gas mitigation, helping to ensure the success of the 2015 Paris Climate Change Agreement.

Requirements: Applicants should have excellent writing skills, strong organizational skills and attention to detail, and interests in sustainable development and data-driven policymaking. These positions require flexibility to respond rapidly to both anticipated and unexpected research and operational demands in support of the Center’s research agenda combined with the ability to produce superior, academically rigorous work.

Pay will be at established Yale rates. These positions will require up to 10 hours/week; hours are generally flexible.

To apply, please submit a résumé and a statement, no more than 300 words in length, on how this position matches your experience and professional development goals to zach.wendling@yale.edu.

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