



Now Seeking Applications For **Research Associate**

Description

The Texas Public Policy Foundation, a conservative free-market think tank in Austin, is seeking a research associate to assist with its Texas Budget Source project in order to increase the public's access to spending information of state and local governments.

Compensation is dependent upon qualifications and experience, but the salary will likely be \$20-30k.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- The creation and maintenance of a database that provides information on government spending, public employee compensation and other data
- Researching state and local government spending, budgets and other related information
- Editing and writing articles, research, commentaries, and blog postings
- Maintaining an awareness of state and local government fiscal public policy, news and recent events
- Maintaining and updating the TexasBudgetSource.com website
- Working with project vendors

Qualifications:

- Highly motivated and able to work with minimal oversight
- Bachelor's degree; graduate studies helpful
- Excellent research, writing, editing, and presentation skills
- Experience working with government entities is helpful
- A strong desire to provide information to the public on how their tax dollars are being spent
- A demonstrated commitment to the principles of limited government and free markets
- Experience with open records requests preferred
- Training and/or professional experience in computer-assisted research
- Strong computer skills required, including experience with Microsoft Office
- Spreadsheet and database development skills
- Basic knowledge of content management systems, such as WordPress, is helpful

Please send cover letter, resume, salary requirement, and references to Greg Sindelar, Texas Public Policy Foundation, administration@texaspolicy.com

About the Texas Public Policy Foundation

The Texas Public Policy Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit, non-partisan research institute guided by the core principles of individual liberty, personal responsibility, private property rights, free markets, and limited government.

The Foundation's mission is to improve Texas by generating academically sound research and data on state issues, and by recommending the findings to opinion leaders, policymakers, the media, and general public.

Funded by hundreds of individuals, foundations, and corporations, the Foundation does not accept government funds or contributions to influence the outcomes of its research. The Foundation is led by a Board of Directors chaired by Dr. Wendy Lee Gramm, President & CEO, Brooke Rollins and Executive Director, The Honorable Arlene Wohlgemuth.

A few quotes about the Foundation:

"I commend the Texas Public Policy Foundation for its excellent work in support of personal liberty and free markets." – **Milton Friedman**

"TPPF has been very, very important to Texas, in providing... conservatives with the intellectual capital to make change." – **Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams**

"The Texas Public Policy Foundation has brought together specific proposals by some of the nation's best authorities on the most important issues facing our states..." – **Ronald Reagan**

"TPPF offers real solutions for real Texans." – **Governor Rick Perry**

"More than a think tank for Texas, the Texas Public Policy Foundation is setting the standard by which other research organizations in the nation will be judged." – **John Fund, Wall Street Journal editorial writer**

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