

Undergraduate Research Assistants

Fall 2022

MCCOMBS STUDENT	MCCOMBS FACULTY	PROJECT	URA DUTIES
Christopher McDonald	Jonathan Cohn	Interference from the Cross Section of Returns Around an Event	Christopher read 155 papers published in the Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial Economics, and Review of Financial Studies undertaking event study analysis and identified papers specifically regressing stock returns in a short window around an event on firm characteristics. He also flagged the relevant tables in each paper and recorded information about the nature of the event, the firm characteristics involved, and the statistical approach used to conduct inference from regression coefficients. Christopher's worked has helped inform a new working paper examining the challenges in conducting inference based on regressions of this type due to cross-correlations of stock returns across firms.
Anjali Bathr Ravikumar	Magdalena Bennett	Changes in School Attendance Zones Over Time: The Effect of Segregation on Zoned-In and Zoned-Out Areas	Anjali handled the data collection and data wrangling from various sources to construct a panel of schools in TX over time. Merging data from the CCD and diverse datasets from the Texas Education Department, she built a complete panel of schools from 2005 to 2019, including school characteristics, location, demographic composition, geographic data, test score performance, among others.
Rudransh Rajaram	Jamie Schmidt	McCombs AuditChats	This student has helped me organize lists of alumni and reach out tot hem to garner practitioner membership. He has also helped me keep track of meeting attendees.

Nitya Prakash	Huseyin Tanriverdi	How does M&A integration strategy of a multihospital system affect the cost, quality, and accessibility outcomes of acquired hospitals?	Nitya reviewed a sample of about 1200 hospital acquisitions from Levin Associates. She found unique IDs (assigned by Centers for Medicare Services) for acquirers and targets. She validated that about 750 of those acquisitions met the inclusion criteria of the research project.
Ananya Vegesna	Bukky Akinsanmi	The Overlooked Importance of Physical Work Environments in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	Ananya was a valuable resource on this project. She reviewed already-gathered research papers on diversity, equity and inclusion as well as the physical work environment. She also collated pertinent data from the papers and organized them under an already defined framework.
Pavitra Kumar	Annabelle Roberts	How Progress Feedback Influences People's Feelings of Impatience While Waiting	Pavitra helped to collect stimuli for several studies, including finding messages from companies that describe the upcoming wait for a product release or package delivery. She worked to code and transcribe the messages for a LIWC sentiment analysis. Pavitra also learned Qualtrics in order to help test and program studies, and she assisted with cleaning datasets in both R and Excel. Pavitra's quick work was essential for moving the project forward.
Induja Gautam, Allison Osorio, Jackie Pillow, Krithika Elango, Arianna Zhao, Siddharth Ayyagari, Sapphire Thompson, Julie Zhu, Suhaib Rashid	Paige Abbott	McCombs Behavioral Lab	Rosenbaum Center for Behavioral Business Studies Undergraduate Research Assistants aided in a variety of tasks throughout the Fall 2022 semester including collecting in-person data for both marketing extra credit and paid studies, coding qualitative data for marketing and management researchers, and assisting in the organization of literature reviews. Additionally, Behavioral Lab URAs supported online study preparation by testing surveys, managing SONA credits, and assisting with participant uploading.