

Undergraduate Research Assistants

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MCCOMBS STUDENT	MCCOMBS FACULTY	PROJECT	URA DUTIES
Julian Ordaz	Raji Srinivisan (MKT)	Effects of Political lobbying on product safety problems.	Julian assisted with the collection of background information on firms' top management teams, including their CEOs, from their annual reports.
Tony Ho	Cesara Fracassi (FIN)	Open Banking	Tony performed a very thorough review of open banking legislations around the world, transcribed interview calls of industry experts, and gave helpful suggestions on how to improve the final paper.
Saiyed Raza	Wuyang Zhao (ACC)	Pessimistic target prices by short-sellers	Saiyed downloaded short-selling reports from a list of websites, and coded information including the target prices listed in the reports.
Audrey Carolina Mountain	Diwakar Gupta (IROM)	Organ Procurement Optimization	Audrey conducted analysis on a dataset consisting of 5,027 imminent death referrals of one of our collaborating Organ Procurement Organizations (OPO). She cleaned the data, created new variables, and built a logistic regression model in STATA to predict whether a referral would be authorized for organ recovery.

Rahi Shah	Lillian Mills (ACC)	Nonrecurring Income Taxes	Rahi assisted with the evaluation of a prediction model to understand why some firms reported a material nonrecurring income tax item even though the prediction model did not tag the company as likely to have one. Rahi also read and annotated financial statement tax footnotes to assist with identifying financial markers released from certain companies.
Noah Carr	Ramesh Rao (FIN)	Research on the Wealth Management Industry	Noah conscientiously gathered scattered information on the wealth management industry and consolidated the relevant details.
Boyan Zhu	Jaime Schmidt (ACC)	Does non-GAAP reporting result in less conservative auditor materiality projects?	Boyan hand-collected and coded non-machine-readable data to address a reviewer/editor concern that we needed an additional year of data. She also performed multiple literature reviews due to the project crosses several disciplines.

Peter Huang	Aaron Pancost (FIN)	Measuring Measurement Error	Peter helped collect data for a meta-analysis of published empirical economics and finance papers that use instrumental variables techniques including published articles that run instrumental variables regressions.
Alexandria Wiley	Paul Green (MAN)	Determinants of Effective Feedback	Ally designed, piloted, and ran three distinct studies, one experimental and two correlational, exploring the individual differences or relational features that influence feedback characteristics. She also coded written feedback, and conducted some basic statistical analyses analyzing the relationship between our hypothesized determinants of feedback characteristics, and the linguistic characteristics of the actual feedback.
Shayan Ali, Jane Andrews, Paul Choi, Daniel Kang, Lauren Martinez, Luz Martinez, and Camrin Wong	Larissa Garcia	McCombs Behavioral Lab	The URAs assisted several researchers in the Finance, Management, and Marketing departments with data collection. This involved checking-in participants, obtaining informed consent, provided participants with instructions and supervised the data collection sessions.