Dear Data Science students:

I’m a professor with Carleton’s School of Public Policy and Administration, and I’m recruiting a team of students to work with me on a project titled “Building a Trustworthy Digital State”. You can read more about the project here.

If you’re looking for a great Research Assistant experience this year, read on!

Our team will explore Canadians’ views on government data collection and use, and scrutinize the influence that tech firms and management consultants have on Canadian public services. We’re going to run national surveys, analyze data from social media, government open data sets and websites, and interview public servants and tech firm representatives. This work will feed into academic articles, policy reports and op eds.

My goal is to make sure you learn new and useful skills, and that we form a diverse, engaged and active research team.

Specifics of the job

Hours per week: 5-15 hours a week (flexible depending on your schedule and as research needs evolve)

Pay: $35/hour

What I’m looking for in Research Assistants (“Qualifications”)

- Attention to detail
- Strong time management
- Collegial and positive attitude
- Clear, concise writing
- Capacity, or willingness to learn, to do any or all of the following tasks:
  - close reading and critical analysis of academic literature and policy documents
  - quantitative analysis (primarily of survey data, but also some analysis of data scraped from the web)
  - qualitative analysis (of websites, social media content, interview transcripts)
  - web scraping
  - data visualization

If you’re interested in joining the research team, please email the following to amanda.clarke@carleton.ca by Sunday, October 3:

- a current CV (please include your most recent Grade Point Average and note any relevant education/career interruptions or special circumstances, e.g. medical or parental leaves, etc.)
- a cover letter explaining (a) why you’re interested in working on this project, and (b) how you meet the qualifications listed above - max 1 page

If you have any questions about this opportunity, please send me an email and I’ll be happy to chat (Amanda.clarke@carleton.ca).