

Buffett Undergraduate Research Fellowship Opportunity

How the developmental state really works: Evidence from Rwanda

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Project Synopsis: Rwanda runs a very successful bureaucracy, delivering health, education, and infrastructure outcomes at breakneck speed. It does so with very few people and very few resources. How? This project studies *imihigo*, the Rwandan way in which government and society work together for development.

Project Term: Summer and Academic Year 2026

Project Location: Hybrid, on campus and 1-2 weeks in Rwanda

Job Description: The principal investigator and the student will work together in data processing (these days often done with the help of LLMs), data analysis (statistical analysis), and presentation (writing, slides, etc.) Required skills are a working knowledge of Python.

Time Commitment: This project does not require a fixed time-of-day or day-of-week commitment but it does require steady weekly commitment.

Number of available positions: One

