

Undergraduate Research Assistants Fall 2018

| MCCOMBS STUDENT | MCCOMBS FACULTY | PROJECT | URA DUTIES |
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| Arjun Menta | Prabhudev Konana | Disrupting Accounting Auditing with Blockchain: Hype versus Reality | Arjun completed a literature review of blockchain in accounting practices. He is helping map various accounting activities and how blockchain technologies and smart contracts will address various issues. He is now helping develop a survey to understand the perceived value of blockchain. |
| Alexandria Wile | Paul Green | The Effects of Relationship Closeness on Feedback Giving Behavior | Alexandria coded raw feedback data on a number of theoretically relevant dimensions. Designed and piloted two lab studies, and generated all materials (including IRB materials) for studies to be conducted this spring. Created a survey to be conducted in the field, and conducted statistical analyses on gathered data to test key hypotheses. |
| Brennan McClure | Sara Toynebee | The Role of Verifiability in Disclosure Credibility | Brennan read firms' earnings announcements to code specific information about order backlog disclosures that was used to analyze firm's disclosure practices. |
| Sanjana Pai | Luis Martins | Understanding Individual Entrepreneurial Orientation and Its Role in Entrepreneurial Behavior | Sanjana helped with the dimensionalization of individual entrepreneurial orientation, identification of associated behavioral outcomes, and creation of research models for testing. In addition, she scanned through a large range of journals to identify relevant, multi-item scales to measure variables that capture dimensions of entrepreneurial orientation, and put together drafts of surveys. |

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| Benjamin Hughes | David Harrison | An Archival Study of Leader-second Dyads | Benjamin was heavily involved in data collection and analysis. He helped develop python code that scanned through hundreds of thousands of files and extracted the portions of text for further analysis. That is, Benjamin helped with python code and he helped get the interface to IBM's Watson up and running. He also assisted with the initial statistical analysis of the resulting text data. |
| Poonam Agrawal | Steven Gray | Leveling the Playing Field: Examining the Female Entrepreneur Advantage in Assembling Diverse Founding Teams | Poonam assisted with the manual coding of over 200 transcripts from conversations between entrepreneurs and potential cofounders. For each conversation, rated multiple dimensions and aspects of the dialogue, including the types of question posed, the nature of the interaction, and the flow of the conversations. |
| Jace Llamas | Nicholas Hallman | Is Non-GAAP Reporting a Side Effect of PCAOB Oversight? Evidence from the Staggered Implementation of PCAOB Inspections Abroad | Jace helped with the collection of non-GAAP earnings from 10-K filings with the SEC. |
| Shayan Ali; Saideepthi Andanamala; Allison Cowie; Yilan Fan; Sameen Faruqi; Byungyeon Kang; Alamin Momin | Larissa Garcia | Behavioral Research Lab | The Undergraduate Research Assistants in the McCombs Behavioral Lab 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. The URAs were also involved with routine maintenance of the lab. |