

Post-Covid Economy and Graduate Recruiting

Research Scholarship Opportunity for graduates

Covid-19 is a global phenomenon. The serious health, economic, social and political consequences of the pandemic are becoming increasingly apparent around the world, although they are manifesting themselves differently in different countries. An economic crisis of this magnitude has a detrimental impact on the labor market. As the graduate labor market mirrors the issues in the larger economy, there are fewer jobs for young people. Moreover, graduates are in a weaker position, as many of them have no work experience and do not have the resources to sustain long-term unemployment.

Graduate recruitment is declining globally. But are there any countries that are doing better than others? What type of government - federal or authoritarian - has the advantage of containing the impact of Covid-19 on the economy and creating job opportunities for the young graduates? What sectors of the economy look most promising across countries and government types in terms of employment for young graduates? Are there strategies for "weathering the storm" of graduation to a (post)-Covid economy? If so, are there any differences between the countries with varying types of government?

These and other related questions are proposed for examination by a selected group of graduate students, first in an orientation webinar, further through individual research, and finally they will be discussed at the Ashburn Institute conference "[Post-Covid Economy and Graduate Recruiting](#)" and published.

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How to Apply

Graduate students in all relevant fields are invited to submit a statement of interest and a two-page research proposal, along with a cover letter providing details about their educational institution and program of study, to ashburninstitute@gmail.com by **July 15, 2021**. Paper proposals in Word or PDF format should also include key words and abstracts (400-500 words).

The conference committee will accommodate up to 30 participants for the **July 23, 2021** orientation webinar. 4- 5 participants from this group will be selected for the Ashburn Institute scholarship following the presentation of their research proposal at the orientation (please note scholarships are to be paid to the educational institutions attended by the students as part of their tuition fee). Selected students will be required to write high-quality individual research papers (7,000-8,000 words) and submit them electronically by **October 15, 2021**. They will be invited to present their studies at the Ashburn Institute's "[Post-Covid Economy and Graduate Recruiting](#)" online conference and publish them with [the Ashburn Institute](#).