

Who We Are

Charles River Associates' [Antitrust and Competition Practice](#) was founded over 50 years ago by professors specializing in antitrust policy, led by Professor Franklin Fisher (MIT). Since that time, our work with leading antitrust scholars from prominent academic institutions has included the economic analyses underlying major antitrust lawsuits, merger reviews or government investigations into anticompetitive behavior. Given our expertise and history, our engagements closely mirror rigorous analysis in academia – with foundations in economic theory as well as robust data analysis. Our current roster of projects and clients places our work near the forefront of today's vigorous discussions regarding antitrust policy and innovation.

The Economics Consultant Experience: Antitrust and Competition Practice

As consultants, students have the opportunity to apply the theoretical concepts learned in economics classes to real world data and problems. Much like academic researchers, new consultants at CRA are key contributors to several phases of project work, from data collection to programming statistical analyses to testing the robustness of results. Economics consultants can expect to work on a variety of antitrust issues in projects focusing on the assessment of competitive effects – including those that arise from mergers, price fixing, exclusive dealing, or monopolization in a wide variety of industries including, for example, digital platforms, cloud services, healthcare, cellular devices, sports leagues, and consumer goods. Examples of recent Competition Practice projects include evaluating concerns over vertical foreclosure between rival video game platforms in the [Microsoft-Activision merger litigation](#) and assessing whether a [partnership between JetBlue and American Airlines](#) would likely harm consumers by reducing competition for air travel.

In addition to working with leading academic economists, consultants in CRA's Antitrust and Competition Practice benefit from both [formal training](#) and informal on-the-job learning. CRA colleagues overseeing your development or collaborating with you on project work will often have PhD-level training. More formal training programs provided by CRA focus on [technical skills](#), client interaction and networking. While consultants often follow a career path to senior positions at CRA, many also use their experience at CRA as a springboard to top graduate programs. Members of recent consultant classes have gone on to pursue graduate studies at (for example) MIT, Harvard, Yale, Berkeley, Columbia, Chicago, Northwestern, and Penn.

Apply for the Antitrust & Competition Practice Economics Consultant Position

The Antitrust and Competition Practice is now recruiting to fill open economics consulting analyst positions at CRA offices in Boston, Chicago, Oakland, Salt Lake City, Toronto, and Washington DC. We are looking for students with a strong foundation in economics or related quantitative fields (e.g., mathematics, statistics, computer science) who are motivated to explore research opportunities in economics and can bring a critical eye to our work. Students working towards an honors thesis at Dartmouth Economics department and/or students participating in research projects via DERS are strongly encouraged to apply.]

Interested students should apply through the CRA website using [this link](#). Students should indicate their preference for the Antitrust and Competition Practice in their cover letter.

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