**Name of Potential Opportunity:** Understanding Motivated Underreporting in the Consumer Expenditure Survey

**Name and titles of potential supervisor/s (and link to external-facing RTI expert page, if available):**
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**Overview: (2-4 sentences)**
The Consumer Expenditure Survey and many other surveys use filter questions to skip respondents around questions that do not apply to them. Respondents can learn to avoid follow up questions by giving incorrect answer to filter questions. This research project will involve design, programming and conducting a web survey and analyzing the data to investigate methods of asking filter questions. The goal is to identify questions that are less prone to motivated underreporting.

**Preferred skills: (including foreign languages, programming languages, etc.)**
- Statistical programming in R, Stata or Python
- Quantitative analysis experience
- Experience writing literature reviews
- Good written English

**Number of Interns:** 1