Y ANALYTICS (TPG) – Spring Research Assistant, Responsible Investing [US-Based]

Location: Remote
- Must be located in one of the following states during the internship: AZ, CA, DC, FL, GA, IL, NJ, NY, TN, TX, VA, WI, AR, CO, IN, KY, LA, MA, MI, MN, MO, NE, NH, NC, OH, PA, SC, UT, WA, WY
- If physically located near a TPG office, working in-person may be an option

Duration: Early-January – late-May 2026
Compensation: $20/hour
Time Commitment: 20 hours per week

Application Instructions: In lieu of a cover letter, please prepare a 1-page response to the prompts listed at the bottom of this job description. Please send your resume and application prompt response to Jobs@YAnalytics.org and include a subject line in the following format: "Last Name, First Name – Responsible Investing RA Application". Only applications that follow these instructions will be considered.

TPG Background
TPG is a leading global alternative asset management firm, founded in San Francisco in 1992, with $269 billion of assets under management and investment and operational teams around the world. TPG invests across a broadly diversified set of strategies, including private equity, impact, credit, real estate, and market solutions, and our unique strategy is driven by collaboration, innovation, and inclusion. Our teams combine deep product and sector experience with broad capabilities and expertise to develop differentiated insights and add value for our fund investors, portfolio companies, management teams, and communities.

TPG's success depends on our people, and we build and sustain our world-class team by creating an inclusive, supportive culture within the firm that seeks excellence and encourages humility and transparency. The quality of our investments and our ability to build great companies depend on the originality of our insights. Reaching our firm's full potential means supporting every team member to bring the fullness of their unique perspective to their work and to our community. We are committed to a diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplace to foster diversity of thought and reflect the breadth of our limited partners and portfolio companies.

Y Analytics
Y Analytics is TPG's innovative internal capability, purpose-built to understand and improve the environmental and social impacts of deployed capital, in alignment with value creation opportunities.

Y Analytics was launched in parallel to The Rise Fund and founded in partnership with TPG/Rise to provide best-in-class insights and tools that improve capital allocation decisions. Our rigorous approach to impact assessment and management draws on evidentiary academic and economic research, enabling greater use of evidence in capital allocation decision-making and impact valuation.

Today, Y Analytics directly supports impact assessments and decision-making for The Rise Fund, the TPG Rise Climate Fund, and other TPG companies/vehicles with impact objectives. Y Analytics' mandate also covers Responsible Investing across TPG's firm and portfolio. We support TPG and its portfolio companies by assessing sustainability performance and advising on value-creation opportunities.

As we continue to grow, we are leveraging our capabilities in new and innovative ways and sharing our learnings with the broader investment and research communities.

Position
Y Analytics is seeking a Responsible Investing Research Assistant to support research and analysis of social impact from existing and potential investments and drive improved performance on responsible investing/sustainability factors across TPG's global investment portfolio. The Research Assistant will contribute to fast-paced teams conducting deal work and engaging TPG's portfolio companies on responsible investing topics, with a focus on climate change risk and greenhouse gas emissions management. This is a great opportunity for someone who is passionate about climate, sustainability/impact, global development, and/or economics and has a strong desire to expand and deepen knowledge of impact and responsible investing analysis in a client-focused environment.

Requirements
- Must be authorized to work in the U.S.
- Graduate student or advanced undergraduate (i.e. student entering their final year of undergraduate studies) currently pursuing a degree in Environmental Sciences, Environmental Engineering, Environmental Sustainability, Business, Economics, Public Administration, or another relevant program
- Experience or demonstrated interest in responsible investing, corporate social responsibility, climate/sustainability, consulting, finance, impact investing, or a related field
- Ability to efficiently conduct and synthesize market research
- Excellent Excel and PowerPoint skills
- Excellent written and spoken communication skills, and fluency in English
- Experience with sustainability performance assessment/reporting frameworks (e.g., SASB, GRI) is a plus

Application Prompt (please limit your response to a single page or less)
Sustainable alternatives to conventional plastics (e.g., post-consumer resins, recyclable plastic, bioplastics) are becoming more viable to manufacture and are highly demanded by top commercial consumers (e.g., consumer packaged goods, food & beverage producers). These "sustainable plastics" may have superior carbon sequestration capacity and other environmental benefits compared to traditional plastics; however, the plastic industry as a whole is increasingly the subject of public scrutiny due to the ecological impacts of pollution and microplastics.

Please address the following research questions with a 2-3 sentence response to each. Two sources (source 1, source 2) are provided for your reference, but please find and cite additional sources as needed.

1. What are the environmental pros and cons of sustainable plastic alternatives?
2. What are the headwinds and tailwinds for the broader plastics industry (i.e., what are the macro trends in favor of or against the industry)?
3. What recommendations would you provide to a deal team considering investing in a company that manufactures a mix of conventional and sustainable plastic packaging solutions? Please consider what additional data you would like to collect, what opportunities for impact-aligned value creation can be found, and any potential risks.