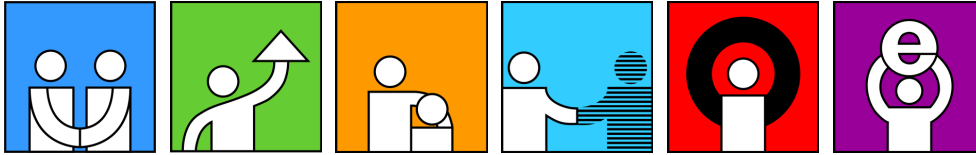# RANMORE

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Profile

Ben Alcott

Ben is a doctoral student and research assistant at the University of Michigan and a researcher at Ranmore. His academic research focuses on the use of econometric models in analysing the impact of governmental and organizational policies on student behaviour.

In particular some of the recent projects that Ben has worked on include:

- How distance and pricing influence demand for undergraduate education
- Factors that encourage/dissuade students from progressing to doctoral study in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields
- The impact of undergraduate research experiences on career progression for engineering students
- A program evaluation aiming to reduce attrition rates amongst community college students that transfer to full degree programs

Prior to moving to the USA, Ben worked for a range of secondary schools and academies in London. He studied social policy research methods (MSc, Merit) at the London School of Economics, as well as history (BA, first class honours) at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London, and Girton College, Cambridge University.

Ben's skills can be of value in several ways;

- Conducting program evaluations through quasi-experimental research methods.
- Understanding students' perspectives and likely behaviours in response to the actions of higher education institutions.
- Providing knowledge of the contemporary research literature on developments in higher education.
- Offering insights on the strategies of a flagship public university in the United States, as well as the successes and failures of its efforts to implement these strategies.

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