# **Weekly Progress Roundup**

Come work for HumanProgress.org.

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HumanProgress.org is adding three new positions this year—a massive expansion of our currently small team.

The first is a database manager. We opened that application in early January and have received a great deal of interest, but there is still time to apply.

We've now begun hiring for the other two positions:

- A psychologist to analyze the psychology of progress. Despite long-term material and moral progress, many people think the world is getting worse, and certain dimensions of mental health seem to be deteriorating in wealthy countries. We want someone to investigate what exactly is happening and why.
- An economist to engage with the critics of progress. Economic growth and technological change are blamed for many of the world's problems, from environmental degradation to inequality and alienation. Some of these criticisms are false, while others may represent valid concerns. We want someone to determine which problems are genuine and how they might be solved.

One goal of this expansion is to widen the scope of our work. While HumanProgress.org will maintain its focus on gathering evidence of progress, these new team members will help us investigate its causes and consequences. In other words, this is our formal venture into the realm of "progress studies."

If you are qualified for one of these roles and want to join our new initiative, please consider filling out an application. And if you wish to help us succeed, please share the applications widely.

Thanks for reading Doomslayer! This post is public so feel free to share it.



### **Economics & Development:**

- Sub-Saharan Africa Makes Strides in Female Education
- Nine in Ten People Were in the Range of a 4G Network in 2023
- The Wealth of US Generations: 2024 Third Quarter Update

## Energy & Environment:

- The World Has Probably Passed "Peak Air Pollution"
- Air Pollution Is Improving in US Metro Areas
- Study Finds India Doubled Its Tiger Population in a Decade
- Rare Earth Deposit Found in Yunnan
- Return of the Lynx to the French Alps

#### Health & Demographics:

- Country of Georgia Certified Malaria-Free by WHO
- Particle Accelerator Reimagined to Blast Cancer in Under a Second
- Scientists Turn Mosquitoes Into Tiny Weapons to Fight Disease
- A Less Brutal Alternative to IVF
- FDA Approves New Nonopioid Painkiller for Acute Pain

### Science & Technology:

- Passenger Jet Prototype Breaks Speed of Sound
- New Book-Sorting Algorithm Almost Reaches Perfection
- Robot Gets Up Close to the Seabed Without Disturbing It
- Startups Build Bigger, Better Drones to Fight Bigger Wildfires
- Robot Insect Paves the Way for the Rise of Robot Pollinators
- Scientists Develop Patch That Can Repair Damaged Hearts