Research Coordinator

Professors Ben Lockwood (U Penn: Wharton) and Dmitry Taubinsky (UC Berkeley) are hiring a full-time research assistant for the coming academic year (2021-2022), with an option to renew for a second year.

Job Description

Professors of economics at UC Berkeley and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania are planning to hire a Research Coordinator who will oversee projects at the forefront of behavioral and public economics. The position entails analyzing public and private datasets using quasi-experimental methods, running and analyzing randomized field experiments, and using computational techniques to test predictions of economic theory and to evaluate public policies. Current projects that the research coordinator will be involved in include analysis of the welfare effects of state-run lotteries, consumer financial protection in credit markets, the welfare effects of “nudges,” and policies targeting savings behavior.

The research coordinator will perform data analysis using statistical packages such as Stata and perform numerical simulations using languages such as Matlab. The Research Coordinator will work closely with Principal Investigators, using collaborative tools like GitHub to manage projects and tasks. Additionally, the researcher will be an integral part of the research process, performing literature reviews, drafting research reports, and generally shepherding the publication process. We will also offer opportunities for co-authored work, and we will help prepare the researcher for applying to graduate programs in economics.

Qualifications

Bachelor’s Degree required, and some experience with academic research is preferred. A strong background in economics, statistics, and/or applied mathematics, and familiarity with Stata, Matlab, and Python is strongly preferred. The ideal candidate will be highly motivated and self-directed, adept at self-teaching technical skills from online tutorials, and with an interest in continuing on to a graduate degree in economics. This is a one year position that can be extended to two years. The position will be based in Philadelphia, PA. We are committed to diversity and especially encourage applications from groups traditionally underrepresented in economics.

To apply

Interested applicants should send their resume, transcript, and a list of all completed economics, mathematics, and statistics courses. Please send this in an email to lockwood.taubinsky.app@gmail.com, with “Research Assistant Inquiry” in the title of the email. We will reach out to interested applicants about a full application at a later stage, which will involve a technical exercise and an interview. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with the intention of making a final decision by January 2021.
Organization: U Penn: Wharton and UC Berkeley
Job Location: Philadelphia, PA
Job Application Link: Research Coordinator
Post Date: Saturday, October 10, 2020
Job Application Deadline: Friday, November 27, 2020
Known Job Application Deadline: Yes

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