

Job Title: Research Professional – Ronzetti Initiative

Location: Chicago, IL

Full-time or Part-time: Full-Time

Status of employee: Staff

Salary Ranges: \$52,000-53,000

We intend to hire candidates with bachelor's degrees, though candidates with master's degrees will also be considered.

Terms: *Two-years of employment.*

Projects: *Projects related to the study of labor markets.*

Reporting to: *Professor Magne Mogstad*

Number of Hires: 2

External Job Boards: *NBER*

FAS Account: *(Magne Mogstad's account)*

Expected Start Date: 7/1/2020

Job Summary:

The Becker Friedman Institute is seeking multiple Research Professionals to work on new and ongoing research projects under the guidance of Professor Magne Mogstad as part of BFI's Ronzetti Initiative for the Study of Labor Markets. These projects will focus on modern labor markets in developed economies, including 1) understanding changes in labor demand (e.g., international competition and trade, regulation and firm dynamics), 2) understanding labor supply (e.g., household labor supply, barriers to geographical and occupational mobility), and 3) policy and labor market equilibrium (e.g., the insurance and incentive effects of social insurance and safety net programs). The program will remain small and emphasis will be put on interactions between participants, Prof. Mogstad, and the Department of Economics. We expect participants to be integrated into the research work at many levels.

The Becker Friedman Institute for Economics (BFI) works with the Chicago Economics community to turn its evidence-based research into real-world impact. BFI takes a unique approach to bridging the divide between academic researchers and decision-makers in the business community and government by translating and packaging the rigorous work of the Chicago Economics community into accessible formats, and proactively sharing those findings with relevant decision-makers and thought leaders around the globe. BFI is a collaborative platform serving the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, the Kenneth C. Griffin Department of Economics, the Harris School of Public Policy, and the Law School. For more information visit <https://bfi.uchicago.edu>.

Unit-specific Responsibilities:

- 1) *Collects and cleans data.*
- 2) *Analyzes data, using reduced form and structural methods.*
- 3) *Prepares literature reviews.*
- 4) *Prepares tables and figures for papers and presentations.*
- 5) *Writes, proofreads, and fact checks papers, reports, and presentations.*
- 6) *Other duties as assigned.*

Unit-preferred Competencies:

The ideal candidate will have

- 1) *Exceptionally strong computer programming skills, including experience with Stata, R, or MATLAB.*
- 2) *A strong quantitative background*
- 3) *Strong writing skills*
- 4) *The ability to work independently to solve problems*
- 5) *Long-term interest in pursuing research in economics*

Preferred Qualifications:

Education

- 1) Background in economics is a plus, but not necessary --- we welcome candidates with strong technical backgrounds and strong analytical skills who are looking for more exposure to economics.

Experience

- 1) Relevant research experience, especially with data, preferred.

Technical Knowledge/Skills

- 1) Knowledge of Stata, MATLAB, or R required.
- 2) Knowledge of LaTeX preferred.

Required Documents:

- 1) Resume/CV
- 2) Cover Letter (include earliest available start date)
- 3) Writing Sample (optional)
- 4) Transcript (unofficial is ok)