Research Assistants

Job Description:

MIT Professor Amy Finkelstein is looking to hire highly skilled and motivated full-time research assistants to begin in the summer or fall of 2018 and to work for two years as part of her research team. The position will entail close collaboration and assistance with all stages of empirical research in health economics. Examples of the types of projects research assistants would work on include understanding the causes and consequences of large-scale geographic variation in healthcare spending (see e.g. http://economics.mit.edu/files/11525), analysis of market failures and government intervention in health insurance markets (see e.g. http://economics.mit.edu/files/10388), and studying performance and allocation in the US healthcare sector (see e.g. http://economics.mit.edu/files/11271).

Qualifications

The ideal candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Strong quantitative background
- Strong computer skills including programming
- Ability to work independently
- Long-term interest in pursuing a PhD in economics
- Background in economics a plus, but not necessary (Professor Finkelstein welcomes candidates with strong technical backgrounds who are looking for more exposure to economics.)
- Prior research assistant experience strongly preferred
- Excellent grades required

The job is ideal for someone with an enthusiasm for empirical research, and the ability and interest to learn new skills and take initiative as a project develops.

Note: This position is based at the MIT campus in Cambridge, MA and telecommuting from another city is not an option. Authorization for work in the US is required.

Compensation and Benefits

As an employee of MIT, this position offers competitive compensation and generous benefits, including an annual tuition reimbursement of more than $5,000, discounted commuter benefits, management and technical skills development, and comprehensive health, dental, and life insurance plans. For more information on MIT’s benefits, please click here. (http://hrweb.mit.edu/benefits)

How to Apply

- Please apply to job ID #15079 on MIT’s Careers Website.
- Complete this very brief application form (https://goo.gl/forms/mxyCq87DWO3xy4v73)
- Please send a completed application with the following information to amarlowe@mit.edu:
  - A cover letter that includes:
    - A brief description of your experience as a research assistant and with any independent research
In addition to the online application, please ask your references (2) to send a written letter of recommendation to Professor Finkelstein’s attention to the following email address: amarlowe@mit.edu.

Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. Short-listed applicants will be asked to complete a technical exercise and may be called for an interview in Cambridge, MA. We will only be able to contact short-listed applicants.

Organization: Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
Job Location: Massachusetts
Job Application Link: Research Assistants
Post Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2017
Known Job Application Deadline: N/A

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