

I am looking for a full-time pre-doctoral research position with a start date in July 2022.

The position is 40 hours per week. You will part of the broader pre-doctoral research center in the The Julis-Rabinowitz Center for Public Policy & Finance based in Princeton's School of Public & International affairs promotes research and teaching at the intersection of finance, macroeconomics, and policy directed by Prof. Atif Mian.

The position is structured to help individuals prepare for their Ph.D. and gain valuable research experience. In addition to working closely with faculty, senior research specialists participate in the vibrant academic life of Princeton University, including auditing classes, attending seminars, and interacting with undergraduate and graduate students and postdoctoral fellows at the Center. The pre-doctoral researcher will have a dedicated cubicle, access to Princeton campus resources.

This is typically a two-year position with renewal after the first year. The start date is summer 2022, or soon thereafter. The position is based in Princeton, NJ. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and as such we encourage applicants to apply early. Short-listed applicants will be contacted for an interview. Selected candidates will be required to successfully pass a background check.

Details on the work

The position involves empirical analysis (including more sophisticated statistical modeling), collecting, cleaning, and analyzing significant amounts of new administrative data.

The work will mostly focus on topics related to finance, development, trade and firms dynamics, such as the role of financial development in economic development in Brazil, the effect of corruption on talent misallocation in developing countries, the link between inequality and financial development (Brazil), the role of financing frictions in capital misallocation and entrepreneurship in India, the effect of sectoral bubbles in human capital accumulation in the US and Spain, the role of broadband internet and ICT (Information and Communication Technologies) on firm dynamics and entrepreneurship in Italy and France, among many other projects.

The position will include a significant amount of mentoring with the primary faculty members and coauthors.

Requirements & Eligibility

- Excellent computer programming skills/experience working with statistical software
- Prior experience with STATA or R is valued
- Experience with python
- Strong quantitative background
- Diligence and attention to detail
- Organizational and communication skills
- Foreign nationals are welcome to apply; visa sponsorship is possible

This position is ideal for graduating seniors or master's degree students interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in Economics or Finance. Previous research assistants working for me have gone on to top Ph.D. programs including at Stanford, MIT, Duke, and U. of Maryland.

Application

Please send me an email with:

- Biographical information, educational experience, and short answer questions
- CV or resume
- Two letters of recommendation
- unofficial transcripts