



– Pre-Doctoral Fellow –

Full Time Research Assistant Economics of Child and Youth Development

We are looking for one or two full-time research assistants to work on projects in the field of economics of child and youth development under the supervision of Anne Brenøe and Ulf Zölitz at the University of Zurich. Currently ongoing projects are in the field of education and health economics. Projects study how changes in education policies affect student achievement, how peers affect subject choice, what factors can explain gender differences in labor market outcomes, and causes and consequences of early childhood health investments.

The position is based in Zurich, Switzerland, where the research assistant will join a dynamic and interdisciplinary team of international pre-docs, PhD students, and post-docs. The research assistant will work on projects that involve the analysis of large-scale register data, analysis of experimental data, and involvement in the design and execution of field experiments. The appointment will be for one year and can be extended by one additional year. The annual salary is competitive.

We expect to involve the candidate in all stages of research – brainstorming, literature reviews, data analysis in Stata, data processing, data visualization, and writing. The successful candidate will contribute centrally to the data work of the projects.

Qualifications

The position would be ideal for a recent graduate who is interested in pursuing a PhD in Economics or a related field. The position offers the possibility to acquire many skills necessary to conduct independent research in applied microeconomics. The candidate must possess (at the time of starting) a Master's or Bachelor's degree with excellent grades in Economics or another quantitative field, as well as good knowledge of Stata.

We are looking for a person who enjoys independent problem-solving and thrives on taking high-level directional advice and then running with this advice as far as possible. The ideal candidate has a desire to understand the social world around them and possesses a thirst for answering research questions about how the social environment affects individuals.

How to Apply

Applications include a cover letter, a CV, transcript of grades, one letter of recommendation, and a writing sample (optional) and should be sent to Jeffrey Yusof (jeffrey.yusof@jacobscenter.uzh.ch). Writing samples are optional and can for example be a research paper, a bachelor or master thesis. The letter of recommendation should be directly sent by your reference via email. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview. We will start reviewing the applications on April 30, 2019.

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