Part Time Research Assistant Economics of Education (30%)

We are looking for a part-time research assistant (30%) to work on projects in the field of economics of education under the supervision of Ulf Zölit (University of Zurich). Currently ongoing projects study how changes in education policy affect student achievement, how peers affect subject choice or what factors can explain gender differences in labor market outcomes.

The position is based in Zurich, where the research assistant will join a dynamic and interdisciplinary team of international research assistants, pre-docs, PhD students and post-docs. The project involves 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. Working hours are flexible.

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 this project.

Qualifications

The position would be ideal for a current master student with an interest in applied microeconomics. 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 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 including a CV, transcript of grades and a writing sample (optional) should be send to Jeff Yusof (jeffrey.yusof@jacobscenter.uzh.ch). Writing samples are optional and can for example be a research paper or a bachelor thesis. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.

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