

Junior Higher Ed Finance Fellowship/Research Assistant

New York (Remote) // Part Time

Overview

The Jain Family Institute (“JFI”) is seeking a research assistant/Junior Fellow to work with Senior Fellow Marshall Steinbaum on original empirical research related to higher education finance, student debt, and labor market power.

The research assistant/Junior Fellow will be a fully remote, part-time position consisting of original empirical research using a variety of large economics-related datasets. The job will be to undertake data analysis directed by and in ongoing consultation with Prof. Steinbaum, including regular email contact and at-least-weekly check-ins. The work would be anticipated to support publication in academic journals, reports, and policy analysis/data visualizations to inform academics, the press, policy-makers and their staff, and the public. The position would be ideal for a current PhD student or pre-doc looking for part-time employment. Proficiency with Stata and R is required. Familiarity with SQL is preferred.

The fellowship carries a monthly stipend of \$1250.00 for approximately 10-15 hours of work per week.

How To Apply:

Interested candidates should apply by sending the following application materials to hef-junior-fellow@apps.jainfamilyinstitute.org in one pdf file:

1. A letter of interest
2. A CV with contact information
3. Sample of past original empirical research.

Applications will be accepted through Thursday, October 15th, 2020.

Responsibilities

Time commitment: approximately 10-15 hours per week

Confidentiality: as needed

The fellow's tasks will include:

- Data analysis using Stata and R.
- Accessing a database using SQL.
- Data visualization.
- Weekly check-ins (or more)
- Participation in JFI events and seminars.

Required Skills And Qualifications

- Proficiency in Stata and R.
- Experience with SQL preferred.
- Interest and some background in labor economics, industrial organization, higher education economics and policy, and student debt.

Benefits

- A stipend of \$7,500, paid in semi-monthly installments of \$625 for six months with renewal based on performance
- The possibility of co-authoring research papers or publishing white papers
- Opportunities to meet with leading scholars and policy experts

Commitment

- The position will be remote at least until the end of the year, though there may be opportunities, if so desired, to work from our Manhattan office on occasion. However, you will need to be present and online during your set working hours, and as needed for research meetings and presentations. Our typical hours are 10am – 6pm EST.

About JFI

JFI is an applied research organization in the social sciences. We work to bring just and equitable research and policy from conception in theory to implementation in society. Our current initiatives include applied research in higher education finance, guaranteed income, and digital ethics.

JFI is firmly committed to the principle of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO). We believe that the quality of our work and research is immensely strengthened by the diversity of our network and our differences in background, culture, experience, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, disability, and more. We actively seek and welcome applicants who identify as BIPOC, women, members of the LGBTQIA community, persons with disabilities, and people at the intersections and peripheries of these identities, from across the spectrum of disciplines and methods. For details about our staff and current projects, see <http://www.jainfamilyinstitute.org>