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FULL-TIME ECONOMICS RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION

Economics professors David Laibson (Harvard University), Brigitte Madrian (Harvard University), and James Choi (Yale University) are seeking full-time research assistants who will begin employment during the summer of 2010. This one-year position entails work on theoretical and empirical research related to savings, investment, and psychological economics. The research will use field data, experimental data, and hybrid field experiments.

Candidates should have an interest in applying to a quantitative Ph.D. program (preferably in economics) and pursuing an academic research career. Applicants must be detail-oriented and have strong programming and quantitative skills, including coursework in multivariable calculus, matrix algebra, probability, and statistics. Candidates with previous experience estimating econometric models (e.g. OLS, GMM, MSM, MLE) will have particular priority in the hiring process. Excellent grades are required.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Your responsibilities would include performing statistical analyses on large databases, designing and running experiments, programming simulations of theoretical models, and proving theoretical results.

For examples of our research, see <http://www.nber.org/digest/apr02/w8651.html> and <http://www.nber.org/digest/jul06/w12261.html>

We prefer candidates who want to become professional economists, but we're interested in future Ph.D.s in any quantitative field. Although we can't guarantee placement, we have a strong track record of developing talent. Our past full-time RAs have enrolled in the following Ph.D. programs: Harvard economics (6), Harvard business economics (3), Harvard public policy (1), MIT economics (1), MIT operations research (1), University of Chicago GSB – economics (1), University of Chicago GSB – finance (1), University of Chicago history (1), and Columbia economics (1).

OTHER DETAILS

Wage – \$46,500

Openings – 3

Start Date – 6/15/2010 (negotiable)

Location – Cambridge, MA

EMPLOYER PROFILE

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TO APPLY

Please scan into one pdf document:

- 1) A cover letter describing your interest in and qualifications for the position
- 2) Your resume
- 3) An unofficial transcript

This document must be uploaded into the online application form, which can be found at this link:

<https://home.eease.com/recruit/?id=429617>

If we choose to interview you, we will notify you of our decision, and at that point we will ask you for three references.

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