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for Social Policy



Predoc Research Assistant

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We are looking for a pre-doc research assistant working on the evaluation of two education-related projects in Italy: “[Fostering Social Skills in Ethnic Diversity Through Inclusive Classroom Practices](#)” and “TOP-Tutoring Online Project”. The contract is for 12 months. Good social and quantitative skills and knowledge of Italian are required. The position is funded by J-PAL European Social Inclusion Initiative and Cariplo Foundation. Start date: by September 1.

Responsibilities

- Oversee and coordinate baseline and endline research activities for the project TOP
- Clean and manage datasets
- Conduct statistical analyses of data using Stata and R
- Web scraping in python and website development
- Prepare literature reviews, background research, and other draft content for grant proposals, academic papers, project reports.

Qualifications

Required

- Bachelors or Masters in Economics, Public Policy, or related field requiring substantial quantitative coursework
- Strong academic record
- Strong interest in public policy and education economics research
- Knowledge of randomized control trials
- Strong Italian and English oral and written communication skills
- Excellent command of Microsoft Office suite (Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint)
- Proficiency programming in Stata

Preferred

- Graduate-level coursework in Economics and Econometrics
- Prior experience on field research projects and RA work
- Proficiency programming in R and JAVA/Python

How to Apply

- Send an email to michela_carlana@hks.harvard.edu following these instructions:
- In the subject line, put “TOP/DESS predoc – followed by your first and last name” (e.g., “TOP/DESS predoc – Silvia Rossi”).
- Attach the following documents:
 - Cover letter (one page max)
 - CV
 - List of two references
 - Stata do file you wrote for your dissertation/course/RA work
- Few selected candidates will be required to complete a Stata test.

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.

Predoc Research Assistant based in Rome

Pls: Michela Carlana (Harvard Kennedy School), Eliana La Ferrara (Bocconi University)

We are looking for a pre-doc research assistant working on education projects based in Italy with datasets from INVALSI and the Italian Ministry of Education. The contract is for 12 months, based in Rome and it can be part-time or full-time. Good social and quantitative skills and knowledge of Italian are required. Start date: by September 1.

Responsibilities

- Clean and manage datasets with education data form INVALSI and the Italian Ministry of Education.
- Conduct statistical analyses of data using Stata, R, SPSS
- Prepare literature reviews, background research, and other draft content for grant proposals, academic papers, project reports.

Qualifications

Required

- Bachelors or Masters in Economics, Public Policy, or related field requiring substantial quantitative coursework
- Strong academic record
- Strong interest in public policy and education economics research
- Knowledge of randomized control trials
- Strong Italian and English oral and written communication skills
- Excellent command of Microsoft Office suite (Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint)
- Proficiency programming in Stata

Preferred

- Graduate-level coursework in Economics and Econometrics
- Prior experience on field research projects and RA work
- Proficiency programming in SPSS, R and JAVA/Python

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