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Predoc Research Assistant(s)

Join the EduCare Research Lab! We are looking for four pre-doc research assistants working on the evaluation of education-related projects in Italy, Finland, and Chile. The main PI is Michela Carlana (Harvard Kennedy School and Bocconi University), but you will get the opportunity to work with other PIs depending on the project you join: Will Dobbie (Harvard), Eleonora Patacchini (Cornell), Marco Tabellini (Harvard), Sarvimäki Matti (Aalto), Mikko Silliman (Aalto), Marinella Leone (University of Pavia), Sule Alan (Cornell-EUI), Michela Tincani (UCL), Eliana La Ferrara (Harvard), Lucia Corno (Cattolica University).

The contract is for **12 months and can be extended for an additional year**. Good social and quantitative skills are required. Start date negotiable: from April to September 2024. Three positions are based in Milan at LEAP-Bocconi University and one position is based in Rome, with the possibility of working remotely for part of the contract.

Responsibilities

- Oversee and coordinate baseline and endline research activities, including the participation to field work.
- 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

- **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 “PREDOC – followed by your first and last name” (e.g., “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.

The **deadline** for applications is **January 20, 2024**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.