

Vancouver School of Economics

Application Instructions – Research Assistant/Intern - Start Date: May 2020 to July 2020

1. The Department strongly encourages applicants to use the EconJobMarket website to submit their applications. Go <https://econjobmarket.org/register> to set up your free account on [EconJobMarket.org](https://econjobmarket.org) (EJM).
2. You will receive a username and PIN via email. Use this information to log-in.
3. Complete your profile.
Our Research Assistant ad can be found on EJM at: <https://econjobmarket.org/positions/6466>
4. **Required** documents are:
 - CV
 - academic transcripts from post-secondary institutions attended in one continuous pdf file.*
(Note you can submit a pdf or scan of your transcripts. Short-listed candidates may be asked to provide official transcripts.)

Optional documents are:

- a cover letter

- an optional **but recommended** survey on technical background to be submitted at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfP8zQYjBXjQ9GQCnUeM8aD0_vNaH1a91OmyDmsIH2lgsY-qw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Short-listed applicants will be asked to provide the names of at least two academic referees who we can contact for recommendations. You do not need to submit references yet.

5. If you have questions, or if are unable to submit your application on EJM please contact Jay Shankar. (jay.shankar[at]ubc[dot]ca)
6. Applications should be submitted at <http://econjobmarket.org>. Note that the stated deadlines on EconJobMarket are required by the site but ours are slightly more flexible. We will be reviewing applications until May 15 but may hire qualified candidates prior to this date. This deadline will be extended if necessary and we will continue to accept applications until we have filled the positions. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and you are encouraged to apply early for full consideration. If the ad is still up we are still accepting applications.
7. The deadline for the completion of application submission is May 15, 2020. After this time the application will no longer be available to applicants (although the ad may be reposted if we have not filled the positions). Shortlisted candidates will be contacted regarding an interview.

Scroll to next page for official job ad.



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Location: Vancouver School of Economics (VSE), University of British Columbia (UBC), Vancouver

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Faculty supervisors: Kevin Milligan, Raffaele Saggio, Matt Lowe, Giovanni Gallipoli, Patrick Baylis, Victor Couture, Jesse Perla

No. of Positions: 3

We are looking for three highly skilled and motivated individuals to work as full-time research assistants/interns for a period of one year with various faculty members affiliated with Centre for Innovative data in Economics Research, VSE, UBC. (In some cases an extension to two years is possible.) **The appointment start date is negotiable.** The job will entail close collaboration with all stages of the research process on a number of new and ongoing empirical projects in the fields of labor, urban, political economy, macro, environment, development, and applied microeconomics.

These positions offer the opportunity to gain exposure to and training in a broad set of economic research topics and approaches including data-intensive methods which will be helpful in pursuing a PhD in economics, finance, and related fields. The chosen candidate will also gain valuable experience analyzing large data sets and working with programs such as Stata, R and GIS; and, for some of the positions, implementing computational models in Matlab, Julia, or Python.

The ideal candidate should: (i) have completed a 4-year undergraduate degree in Economics from a top ranked college or university; (ii) have a strong quantitative background; (iii) have programming experience; (iv) be able to work independently and within a team environment to solve problems; and (v) be planning to pursue a PhD in Economics or a related field.

For one of the three positions, we will encourage applicants interested in moving to economics from an undergraduate degree in mathematics, statistics, computer science and other mathematically intensive fields. Strong open-source software skills are essential for that position.

If interested, please submit an application and the following documents to the Econ Job Market portal (econjobmarket.org):

- CV
- Transcripts

Separate survey on technical background:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSFp8zQYjBXjO9GQCnUeM8aD0_vNaH1a91OmyDmsIH2IgsY-qw/viewform?usp=sf_link

- (Optional) Brief cover letter briefly describing your academic career, research interests and future goals.

We will be reviewing applications on a rolling basis until May 15th, so please apply as early as possible. We will continue to advertise until the positions are filled. Our job posting is listed on EJM at:

<https://econjobmarket.org/positions/6466>. More detailed instructions can be found on our website at:

https://econ2017.sites.olt.ubc.ca/files/2020/02/PreDoc_VSEWebJobAdInstructions2020.pdf

