Zack Cooper and Fiona Scott Morton are hiring one or more highly skilled and motivated individuals to work as pre-doctoral fellows at Yale’s Institution for Social and Policy Studies (ISPS) for the 2018/2019 academic year. The successful applicant(s) will be based at Yale and will work with Professors Cooper and Scott Morton on research analyzing health care providers’ prices, vertical integration in the health care space, and pharmaceutical pricing. Pre-doctoral fellows will also work on the Health Care Pricing Project, which uses claims data from three of the five largest insurers in the US to examine the variation and growth in private health spending on the privately insured. Research from the team has been cited in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, and the Economist and presented at the White House, the Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Centers from Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Candidates should have a long-term interest in pursing economics-related research. The program will involve building large datasets, analyzing data, creating presentations, and helping to prepare manuscripts. Previous pre-doctoral fellows have co-authored papers with the research team and regularly interact with faculty inside and outside of Yale. We encourage our pre-doctoral fellows to take classes while they are at Yale and participate in various economics seminars happening across campus. The pre-doctoral fellowship serves as a strong stepping-stone to doctoral studies and previous fellows have gone on to top PhD programs. The pre-doctoral fellows will work in a team environment with a number of other fellows.

Applicants should be completing or have completed a Bachelors of Master’s degree and have strong programming skills. Preference will be given to detail-oriented applicants with previous research and programming experience, particularly in working with large datasets using statistical packages including Stata and SAS. There is potential (indeed a preference) for employment for a second year. We also have the ability to hire people who want to begin before Fall 2018. The salary is competitive with other research assistant positions.

To apply, please email Zack Cooper (zack.cooper@yale.edu) a pdf document titled “lastname_firstname” and containing the following material:

1. A cover letter describing your interest, dates available, your familiarity with programing language, your prior research experience, and the names, email addresses, and phone numbers for 2-3 references;
2. A Current CV;
3. A transcript;
4. A writing sample;
5. A sample of your coding using Stata or SAS (preferably Stata).
We will review applications on a rolling basis. Unfortunately, we cannot sponsor visas for this position.

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