Job Title: Research Professional – International Economics Initiative (Full-Time, Benefits Eligible)
Location: Chicago, IL – Hyde Park Campus, Saieh Hall
Projects: Projects related to the study of international finance, macro, and trade economics.
Reporting to: Professors Neiman and Tintelnot
Expected Start Date: 7/1/2020

Job Summary:

The Becker Friedman Institute is seeking a full-time Research Professional (“RP”) to work on new and ongoing research projects in and related to international finance, macro, and trade, such as projects related to the effects of US trade policy. The Research Professional will work under the guidance of Professors Brent Neiman and Felix Tintelnot, and potentially also with other affiliates of BFI’s International Economics Initiative. The Research Professional will be involved in advanced empirical work with tasks including collection, manipulation, and analysis of large datasets. Some projects may require the RP to learn how to store, manage, and analyze data using parallel processing on the University’s high-powered computing clusters. In addition to cleaning data, analyzing data, and programming, the Research Professional will contribute to writing, proofreading, and fact-checking papers, reports, and presentations. We expect the RP to be fully integrated into the research work and the overall BFI research community. If interested, please apply directly through the University of Chicago’s employment portal at this link: https://uchicago.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/External/job/Hyde-Park-Campus/Research-Professional---Neiman---Tintelnot_JR06880

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The tentative start date for this position is July 1, 2020; however, there may be flexibility. The term of your employment will be July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. This fixed term position is an initial one-year assignment with the possibility of a second year.
**Unit-specific Responsibilities:**
1) Collects and cleans data.
2) Analyzes data, using reduced form and structural methods.
3) Prepares literature reviews.
4) Prepares tables and figures for papers and presentations.
5) Writes, proofreads, and fact checks papers, reports, and presentations.
6) Other duties as assigned.

**Unit-preferred Competencies:**
1) Strong written and verbal communication skills required.
2) Ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously.
3) Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail required.
4) Excellent data visualization ability preferred.
5) Ability to work both independently and as a team member required.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

**Education**
1) Bachelor's degree in economics, computer science, mathematics, statistics, or a related field; advanced degree preferred

**Experience**
1) Relevant research experience, especially with data, preferred

**Technical Knowledge/Skills**
1) Knowledge of Stata, Python, Matlab, Julia, and/or R required
2) Knowledge of LaTeX preferred

**Required Documents:**
1) Resume/CV
2) Cover Letter (include earliest available start date)
3) Writing Sample (optional)
4) Transcript (unofficial is ok)

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