Job Title: Research Professional
Location: Chicago, IL
Terms: 2 years (preferred), 1 year (possible)
Projects: Projects related to international trade.
Reporting to: Jonathan Dingel, Felix Tintelnnot, and potentially other affiliates of the BFI Initiative for International Economics

Job Summary:

The Becker Friedman Institute is seeking a full-time Research Professional to work on new and ongoing research projects in and related to international economics and related fields, including economic geography and urban economics. The Research Professional will work under the guidance of Professors Jonathan Dingel and Felix Tintelnnot, and potentially also with other affiliates of the BFI Initiative for International Economics. 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.

If interested, please fill out this online survey: https://goo.gl/forms/OlOha5vSqnTj04w63

The formal application will be available on UChicago’s website shortly.

Responsibilities:

- Collects and cleans data.
- Analyzes data, using reduced form and structural methods.
- Prepares literature reviews.
- Prepares tables and figures for papers and presentations.
- Writes, proofreads, and fact checks papers, reports, and presentations.
- Other duties as assigned.

Competencies:

- Strong written and verbal communication skills required.
- Ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously.
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail required.
• Excellent data visualization ability preferred.
• Ability to work both independently and as a team member required.

Education, Experience, and Certifications:

• Bachelor’s degree in economics, computer science, mathematics, statistics, or a related field required.
• Relevant research experience, especially with data, preferred.

Technical Knowledge or Skills:

• Knowledge of Stata, Python, Matlab, Julia, or R required
• Knowledge of LaTeX preferred

Required Documents:

• Resume/CV
• Cover Letter (include earliest available start date)
• Writing Sample (optional)
• Transcript (unofficial is ok)

About the Unit:

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