JOB DESCRIPTION: Full-Time Research Assistant at MIT Sloan
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We are looking for highly skilled and motivated individuals to work as our full-time research assistants for a period of at least one year, ideally two. The appointment will start ideally in June or July 2019, though we are open to earlier start dates as well. The job will entail close collaboration with all stages of the research process on a number of new and ongoing empirical projects which utilize large, rich microeconomic datasets to address questions in the fields of banking and consumer finance, micro-econometrics, and macroeconomics.

This position offers the opportunity to gain exposure to and training in a broad set of economic research topics and methodologies before pursuing a PhD in economics. The chosen candidate will also gain valuable experience analyzing large data sets and working with programs such as Stata, R, Python, and GIS.

The ideal candidate should have (i) completed a 4-year undergraduate degree and/or Master’s degree in Economics or Statistics from a top ranked college or university; (ii) have a strong quantitative background; (iii) have strong programming skills and experience, especially in Stata, R, or Python (experience with a low level language such as C is also a plus but not a requirement for the position); (iv) be able to work independently to solve problems. The position is ideal for students who are planning to pursue a PhD or advanced Master’s program in Economics, Finance or a related field. Visa sponsoring will not be available for this position. Candidates should have authorization to work in the US for the duration of the appointment.

If you are interested, please provide the following documents:
- A one page cover letter briefly describing your academic career and future study goals.
- A CV
- A transcript
- A writing sample. This could be any research paper or term paper that you think best reflects your abilities
- A sample of code which you have written

We will be accepting and reviewing applications on a rolling basis between now and December 9, or until the position(s) are filled. To apply please email Idali Vega Sanchez at ivega@mit.edu with the subject heading “Application for Research Assistant Position”.

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