

## Full-Time Pre-Doctoral Research Associates

We, Professors [Simon Jäger](#) (MIT) and [Benjamin Schoefer](#) (UC Berkeley), are looking to hire outstanding and motivated pre-doctoral research associates. The full-time positions will be based in the MIT Economics Department in Cambridge, MA. Duration is one or two years, starting during the academic year 2020-21, including an immediate start date.

Previous research associates have placed in top economics and public policy PhD programs including at MIT and Harvard.

The positions are ideally suited for candidates planning to attend graduate school in economics and require a Bachelor's or Master's degree in economics or related fields. The ideal candidates will have (i) boundless enthusiasm for empirical research incl. handling and analyzing large data sets, (ii) strong coding skills, and (iii) the ability to independently and diligently solve challenging problems.



Our focus will be policy-oriented and data-intensive research on micro-mechanisms underlying the behavior of aggregate labor markets and the role of institutions in:

- wage setting and labor income inequality,
- the determinants of unemployment,
- job mobility, and
- corporate governance, worker representation, and firm performance.

The position is located at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, MA with the opportunity to interact with economics PhD students, faculty, and other pre-doctoral research associates in our team. The research associates are fully integrated into the research community and encouraged to attend the weekly applied microeconomics seminar at MIT.

To apply, please email the following documents *compressed into one ZIP file* to [Jaeger.Schoefer.team@gmail.com](mailto:Jaeger.Schoefer.team@gmail.com):

- Cover letter explaining
  - Your broad or specific research interests in economics
  - Your motivation for pursuing the position
  - Your work permit or visa status in the US (at this point we are inviting applications irrespectively of the applicant's current work permit situation)
  - In the cover letter (alternatively in the CV), please also highlight relevant courses (chiefly in **econometrics**, but also in labor economics, public economics, macroeconomics) and skills (Stata, coding,...)
- CV, including
  - education (degrees obtained,...)
  - relevant experience (work, RA, coding,...)
  - publications
  - awards
  - research projects.
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  - contact information for potential references

- Optional: reference letters from faculty, which, if included, should be sent directly from the letter writer to the email address
- Unofficial transcript(s)
- Writing sample (e.g., thesis, short research papers, extended problem sets with original empirical analyses, including code used)

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis; all applications received by **October 17, 2020** will be given full consideration. Shortlisted applicants will be asked to participate in an interview and a coding exercise. We will only notify short-listed applicants.

Questions and potential references can be sent to:

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