Research Assistant at Kellogg School of Management

Job Description

We are looking for a highly skilled and motivated individual to work as a full-time research professional for a period of one to two years. The start date is subject to negotiation, but may be as early as July 1, 2018. The primary location will be in Chicago. In particular, the person should expect to split her time between the Finance Department at Kellogg School of Management and the Census Research Data Center in downtown Chicago.

This position is ideal for someone interested in economics research who would like to gain hands-on experience before applying to graduate school in economics, finance or strategy. Your main task will be to support the research conducted by Professor Filippo Mezzanotti (Northwestern University), Professor Tim Simcoe (Boston University) and their co-authors. The main topic of work will be innovation and finance. In this role, you will be working with large data sets, conduct preliminary analysis with these data sets, write reports, and conduct literature reviews. The main part of the work will involve working with Census data.

Qualifications

- Bachelor’s degree in a relevant field, with some work in economics.
- Interested in applying to a Ph.D. program in Economics, Strategy or Finance.
- Strong programming skills including experience with statistical software such as Stata. Other programming languages are also a plus.
- Interest in research in innovation and finance.
- Experience as a research assistant.
- Strong academic background.
- Strong writing and communication skills.

The primary location for this job is the Kellogg School of Management in Evanston, IL. This location provides opportunities to interact with economics undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and a community of research analysts at Northwestern, both at the economics department and the business school. The research analyst will be a full-time employee of Northwestern University with benefits. Depending on the terms of the commitment, there may be opportunities to audit classes or enroll at subsidized tuition rates, providing strong preparation for future graduate work. We are looking for a minimum commitment period of one year, with an option to extend for a second year. Salary will be commensurate with experience, and competitive with similar positions.
How to Apply

Email “kellogg.financera@gmail.com” with the subject line “Research Assistant Application Materials”. Include the following:

- A short cover letter highlighting:
  - (1) your interest in research and future academic plans;
  - (2) your prior research experience, highlighting any coding and data analysis skills;
  - (3) a brief description of your role and responsibilities in previous research projects;
  - (4) names of any professors for whom you have worked in the past, who would be willing to provide a brief letter of recommendation upon request.

- A current CV and transcript of any undergraduate or postgraduate studies.

- A sample research paper or piece of code that you have written for a class or project (if any).

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, but we will not accept any new application after January 20th. After this date, we will contact a subset of candidates for scheduling a phone interview and/or a short coding exercise. If you have questions regarding the position you can email Professor Mezzanotti at filippo.mezzanotti@kellogg.northwestern.edu. For the application, there is no need to add Professor Mezzanotti in Cc if there are no questions, just use the gmail account used above.

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