



The newly-established Initiative for the Study of Labor Markets at the University of Chicago is looking for full-time research assistants for a period of at least one year. Our preferred start date is July 1, 2018, although we are willing to accommodate an earlier start. Applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis, but all applications submitted by December 8, 2017, will be given full consideration. We are interested in finding hard-working people who like learning new skills, and want to collaborate closely with faculty members who are invested in their skill development.

The Initiative for the Study of Labor Markets focuses on modern labor markets in developed economies, and it is organized around three overarching themes:

- 1) Understanding changes in labor demand
 - International competition and trade
 - Computerization and increases in labor reducing technologies
 - Regulation, taxes and firm dynamics
- 2) Understanding changes in labor supply
 - Regulation, taxes, and household labor supply
 - Job training, skill acquisition and educational choices
 - Barriers to geographical and occupational mobility
- 3) Policy and labor market equilibrium
 - Insurance and incentive effects of social insurance and safety net programs
 - Child care and family policy
 - Immigration policy

We plan to hire a few candidates to work primarily with Professors [Manasi Deshpande](#), [Thibaut Lamadon](#), [Magne Mogstad](#) and [Alessandra Voena](#). We plan to match candidates to professors based on research interests. Candidates may have an opportunity to be exposed to different faculty members and research styles. The program will remain small and emphasis will be put on interactions between participants, the faculty, and the Department of Economics. We expect participants to be integrated into the research work at many levels. Part of the job is likely to involve working with big data such as administrative registers. This is a unique opportunity to learn on how to work with such data sources.



If interested, please fill out [this](#) online survey. Please do not email any document. We will email you if we would like to move forward with your application. Be sure to check your spam folder.

The ideal candidate will have (i) a strong quantitative background, (ii) strong computer skills including programming in either STATA, R or Matlab, (iii) strong writing skills, (iv) the ability to work independently to solve problems, and (v) a long-term interest in pursuing research in economics.

Background in economics is a plus, but not necessary—we welcome candidates with strong technical backgrounds and strong analytical skills who are looking for more exposure to economics. We pay an annual salary of \$48,000 and provide standard benefits such as health insurance. Research assistants will be able to take advanced courses at UChicago as well.