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# Term Research Assistant

Cambridge, MA, US

Worker Category : **Other Full-Time****JOB DESCRIPTION:** Full time research assistant to MIT Associate Professor Heidi Williams

I am looking to hire a full time research assistant to begin in the summer or fall of 2018 and to work for at least one year. This position will entail close collaboration and assistance with all stages of various empirical research projects analyzing the causes and consequences of technological change, largely but not exclusively focused on applications in health care markets. As examples of recent research projects, see <http://www.nber.org/papers/w16213> (<http://www.nber.org/papers/w16213>), <http://www.nber.org/papers/w14522> (<http://www.nber.org/papers/w14522>), and <http://www.nber.org/papers/w19430> (<http://www.nber.org/papers/w19430>).

Candidates should have a long-term interest in pursuing research related to economics, health policy, and/or innovation policy. However, prior background in these areas is not strictly necessary; I welcome candidates interested in gaining exposure to these areas of research. This position is ideal for candidates looking to develop their empirical research skills in preparation for applying to PhD programs in economics or related fields.

Preference will be given to detail-oriented applicants with previous programming experience, particularly in working with large datasets in software such as Stata and SAS. Prior experience with a general-purpose programming language such as Python is desirable but not required.

The position is located at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) in Cambridge, Massachusetts, with the opportunity to interact with undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty from Harvard, MIT, and other Boston-area schools. Annual salary is \$47,500, with benefits including access to the NBER's employee health insurance plan starting on the first of the month following the employee's start date.

**TO APPLY:** Please upload a single PDF document containing the following materials into the application below:

(1) A cover letter describing:

1. Your interest in this position
2. Your familiarity with programming languages (*e.g.* Stata, SAS, Python, Perl)
3. Your prior experience as a research assistant and/or with independent research projects (*e.g.* a thesis or other research project)
4. Names and e-mail addresses of 2-3 references

(2) A current CV

(3) An unofficial transcript

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

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