Full-time Research Assistant

Professor Nicole Maestas, an economist in the Department of Health Care Policy at Harvard Medical School, is seeking a full-time Research Assistant for one year or more, beginning in early Summer 2020. The Research Assistant (RA) will assist with the daily operations of research projects in the fields of labor and health economics, including topics on disability insurance, working conditions and employment, health insurance and health care utilization, and opioid use for the treatment of pain. The most important task of the Research Assistant will be to use statistical software to work with large data sets, including possibly health insurance claims datasets. This work will involve the cleaning and development of data files as well as using econometric analysis to analyze the data. A background in statistical programming (STATA and/or R preferred) and a basic understanding of economics/econometrics is strongly encouraged. The RA is expected to have strong critical thinking and excellent writing skills to assist with drafting of manuscripts, presentations, and grant proposals. The RA will also participate in team meetings, conduct literature reviews, and assist with IRB, data use applications, and progress reports. This position is ideal for candidates with an interest in economics and/or health policy and who have plans for future doctoral studies. The position is located at the Department of Health Care Policy, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA. Unfortunately, Research Assistant positions are not eligible for Visa sponsorship per university rules.

TO APPLY: upload a cover letter and resume on the Harvard jobs website: http://bit.ly/2gezVJI
Search on Job number **49017BR**.
The start date listed on the Harvard jobs website is currently being updated. This position will begin in early Summer 2020.

In your cover letter, please address the following:
- Your interest in this position
- Your familiarity with programming languages (e.g., Stata, R, SAS, SQL, etc.)
- Your prior experience as a research assistant and/or with independent research projects (e.g., a thesis); please describe the quantitative analysis tasks you performed.
- Confirm that you are eligible to work in the U.S. and would not need visa sponsorship for at least the next 2 years

Short-listed applicants will be invited to submit a writing sample, complete a programming exercise, and possibly interview by Skype.