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Bank of Canada.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to apply for the position of Principal Research Economist at the Bank of Canada. I am a PhD Candidate in Economics at Pompeu Fabra University, where I expect to graduate in July 2023. I am a macroeconomist, and I combine empirical and theoretical methods to answer questions related to labor markets, inequality, and the spatial dimensions of economic activity.

In my Job Market Paper "Hours-Biased Technological Change" I study the impact of technological change on hours worked. Combining theory and data from US, I show how technological advancements have amplified inequality not only in wages, but also in hours worked between high and low skilled workers. I also show how technology raised average hours worked starting from the 1980's, after a decades-long decline. During my PhD studies, I have also carried out research studying the determinants of wage losses for laid-off workers, and what policies are more effective at mitigating them. Moreover, I co-authored a project analyzing optimal lockdown restrictions across geographical areas against the Covid-19 pandemic; the project is now published in the *American Economic Review: Insights*.

I have also accumulated valuable experience as economist and policy consultant, first in Consob and then in ILO. I believe that the policy-oriented empirical work conducted during these experiences, combined with the academic training, make me a strong candidate for this position.

I have uploaded my curriculum vitae and my job market paper. Letters of recommendation from Professors Isaac Baley, Jan Eeckhout and Edouard Schaal and will be sent separately.

Please let me know if you wish me to provide any additional information. I will be available for online interviews at the European Job Market in December and the ASSA meetings in January.

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