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I am writing to express my interest in the Senior Researcher position at InvestHub, situated within the Faculty of Social Sciences and the INVEST Flagship and Research Centre at the University of Turku. Presently, I hold the same role as a Senior Researcher at this institution. In this letter, I will describe my research interests and show how they relate to the activities of the research group.

My research interests very much align with the ones of InvestHub. Substantively, I publish in areas related to political economy, inequality and experimental and statistical methods. Particularly, I study the political consequences of economic inequality using experimental—and quasi-experimental data; Bahamonde (2018), both in lab experimental settings (Bahamonde and Canales 2022), natural experimental settings (Bahamonde and Sarpila 2023) and survey experimental settings (Bahamonde 2022). I am also an expert in panel econometric methods, as I show in our paper that shows that inequality is associated with democratic development (Bahamonde and Trasberg 2021).

In fact, since I became a Senior Researcher at InvestHub in August 2021, I have managed to publish three papers in top journals with my University of Turku affiliation (plus another one[◊] that was published during my transition):

1. [Bahamonde and Sarpila 2023](#).
2. [Bahamonde and Canales 2022](#).
3. [Bahamonde and Trasberg 2021](#).
- ◊ [Bahamonde 2022](#).

Finally, Finland—and the City of Turku in particular—has been a welcoming, friendly, and overall a really nice place to call *home* and to raise our two small children (5 and 3 years-old). We all have fell in love with its people, culture, language, weather and its connection with nature. All these personal and family factors, for sure, constitute another really important motivation for me to apply for the tenure-track position. In fact, not only my wife and me are taking a *Finnish for Beginners* language course, but also Tobias and Olimpia are attending an all-Finnish language daycare since October 2021. Since my wife has German passport, the immigration process for us might facilitate things, specially now that she's looking for a job in Turku. All in all, we've taken—from the very beginning—my *INVEST Senior Researcher* opportunity not only very seriously, but also as a long-term family project.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to hearing from you. Should you have any questions about my application, please do contact me. I'll be happy to clarify any doubts you might have.

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