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Full-Time Pre-Doctoral Research Assistant

Prof. Henry Zhang in the Department of Finance at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) is looking for a motivated recent graduate or final-semester student to begin work as a full-time research assistant on a one year contract, renewable for a second year based on good performance and mutual agreement. The start date can be anytime between May and September 2026; earlier is preferable. Application review is rolling, with initial review by March 2, 2026.

The research assistant will work on a variety of projects in finance, with themes and applications in environmental, development, and macroeconomic settings, under the primary supervision of Prof. Henry Zhang and the secondary supervision of Prof. Victor Orestes at the Wharton School (University of Pennsylvania) and others.

An ideal applicant has a strong quantitative background, excellent coding skills, familiarity with AI tools, clear communication with fluency in English, a motivation to improve with guidance from feedback, and an interest in pursuing a PhD program in economics, finance, or a similar discipline. The tasks include writing R code for visualization, using APIs to automate the extraction of information from PDF files, and improving Julia code for equilibrium solvers, among other tasks. No academic background in finance is required, although advanced knowledge in econometrics or statistics is strongly preferred. A college degree is required before beginning the job.

The position is full-time and based in Hong Kong, at CUHK's Cheng Yu Tung Building. Its location is similarly half an hour by public transit from the Shenzhen border and from the commercial center of Hong Kong Island. Work arrangements can be discussed. The salary is competitive. Those who do not currently have authorization to work in Hong Kong will receive guidance on applying for a work visa after the job offer.

If you are interested, please submit your CV (resume), unofficial transcript, an English-language writing sample, a code sample, and the email addresses of two recommenders to the website below. You may be asked to complete a short coding test during the interview process.

The application portal will be open on the CUHK website on February 20. In the meantime, please email me your application with subject “RA Application”.

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