



PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW

Start date: September 2023

Length: 1 or 2 years (flexible)

Location: HEC Paris

Project: European Life Insurers

[Johan Hombert](#) is looking for a highly motivated individual to work as a Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow at the Finance Department at HEC Paris on research projects on life insurers. Life insurers control €10 trillion worth of assets in the EU and \$5 trillion in the US but have received little attention from academics thus far. An example of recent research on the topic is [Can Risk Be Shared across Investor Cohorts? Evidence from a Popular Savings Product](#) (Hombert & Lyonnet, 2022).

The Research Fellow will primarily work on a research project using confidential data from a large European life insurer. This project requires to work with both contract-level data from the company and other sources of data, to examine the factors driving supply and demand for life insurers' products. The Research Fellow may also be involved in other projects related to life insurers.

The position is ideal for someone who plans on applying to PhD programs in Finance or Economics: the successful candidate will gain valuable research experience and benefit from a significant amount of mentoring. The Research Fellow will work closely with Johan Hombert and his coauthors, based at other top research departments, including the European Central Bank. He/she will participate in the vibrant research environment at HEC Paris including auditing PhD courses, attending research seminars, and interacting with PhD students. He/she will sit in the same space as PhD students.

Requirements

Candidates should have a strong interest for finance and applied econometrics research. They should have strong quantitative and programming skills, and experience working with a statistical software such as Stata or R. Some academic background in financial intermediation is a plus. Intermediate level of German is a plus for working on the first research project but not mandatory. Candidates should be completing or have completed a bachelor or master's degree, ideally in Economics but other fields are accepted too.

Compensation

32,000 euro gross annually

Application

Please send an email to hombert@hec.fr including:

- A cover letter describing your interest in the position, your familiarity with statistical programming languages, and the date as of which you are available.
- CV
- Unofficial transcript

Application deadline: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. We encourage you to apply early.

Once we have reviewed your application, we will contact you if you are short-listed. Short-listed candidates will be asked to complete a short coding assessment and an interview.