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TECHNICAL ASSOCIATE, Economics (two openings), to support Professor Simon Jaeger (MIT) and Benjamin Schoefer (UC Berkeley), although the position will be based at MIT. The focus is policy-oriented and data-intensive research on micro-mechanisms underlying the behavior of aggregate labor markets and the role of institutions in wage setting and labor income inequality, the determinants of unemployment, and job mobility. Will be fully integrated into the research community and encouraged to attend the weekly applied microeconomics seminar at MIT.

The position is ideally suited to those planning to attend graduate school in economics.

Job Requirements

REQUIRED: bachelor's degree; two years' specialized research experience in economics (may include experience gained as an undergraduate); proven ability to anticipate, plan, prioritize, and meet tight deadlines; demonstrated ability to efficiently organize and manage a high volume of work; ability to self-manage a time-sensitive workflow while maintaining high quality output and accuracy with details. The ideal candidate is interested in empirical research including handling and analyzing large data sets, possesses strong coding skills, and is able to independently solve challenging problems. Seek someone with a long-term interest in pursuing research related to economics, health policy, and/or innovation policy, but a background in these areas is not strictly

necessary. Previous programming experience preferred, particularly working with large datasets in software such as Stata and SAS. Experience with a general-purpose programming language such as Python is desirable. Job #15702

Questions may be directed to: Jaeger.Schoefer.team@gmail.com.

Application material should include a cover letter describing your broad or specific research interests in economics and motivation for pursuing the position; coding experience (in particular Stata); research experience, in particular any experience handling and analyzing large data sets; and previous coursework in econometrics, labor economics, public economics, and macroeconomics. A current CV that includes unofficial transcript(s) and references must also be included.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis but all applications submitted by February 25, 2018, will be given full consideration. Short-listed applicants will be asked to participate in an interview and a coding exercise. We will only notify short-listed applicants.

This is a one- to two-year position starting in the summer of 2018.

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