

Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond

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Dear Hiring Committee Members,

I am writing to express my interest in the Economist position at Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. I am a Ph.D. candidate in Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, specializing in applied microeconomics, with expertise in empirical methods and economic analysis. My experience in analyzing complex data, conducting rigorous quantitative research, and leading team-oriented projects aligns closely with the requirements for this role, and I am excited by the opportunity to contribute to Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond's work in economic consulting.

My job market paper, "Effects of Military Bases on Women in Colombia," exemplifies my analytical approach and my commitment to applying economic insights to real-world challenges. Using an event-study methodology, I examine the causal impacts of military base presence on social issues such as sexual violence, fertility, and family structure, leveraging temporal and geographical variations to establish causality. This project has provided me with extensive experience in data management, model building, and regression analysis in Stata, as well as skills in communicating complex findings to policymakers and stakeholders. I am confident that my experience designing and managing empirical research projects will allow me to contribute meaningfully to Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond's litigation support and economic analysis services.

In addition to my research, I have developed strong mentorship and leadership skills, supervising junior researchers and leading training sessions in applied econometrics, program evaluation, and statistical coding. I have also presented my findings to diverse audiences, ensuring clarity and accuracy in complex economic analyses. These experiences have equipped me with the communication and teamwork skills needed to effectively support Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond's interdisciplinary project teams and client relations.

I am particularly drawn to the opportunity at Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond due to its focus on providing rigorous economic insights that inform high-stakes decision-making in sectors ranging from antitrust to labor and employment. I am excited about the prospect of working alongside experts in economics, policy, and law and contributing to Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond's practice-building activities.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how my background in economics, quantitative analysis, and leadership can contribute to Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. Please feel free to contact me by telephone at +1 (917) 969-5420 or by email at sshibuya2@wisc.edu.

Sincerely,



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