

Full-Time Pre-Doctoral Research Assistant in Economics
University of California, Berkeley – 2021-2022

A group of Professors from the Economics Department and the Haas School of Business are looking to hire multiple full-time research assistants. These are a one-year positions with the possibility of renewal for a second year. The end date is dependent on the start date, which may vary, but will likely be September 2021.

The position will entail close collaboration and assistance to Professors [Benjamin Handel](#), [Jonathan Kolstad](#), [Sydnee Caldwell](#), [Matthew Backus](#), [Guo Xu](#) and [Ricardo Perez-Truglia](#). The position involves responsibilities that serve as excellent preparation for Ph.D. programs in economics, including data processing and analysis, survey design, simulation techniques, literature reviews, and presentations. The research assistants will work with Professors Handel, Kolstad, Caldwell, Backus, Xu and Perez-Truglia, along with their co-authors, on research projects in health economics, labor economics, economic history, industrial organization and behavioral economics.

The desired qualifications are as follows:

- Strong quantitative background.
- Strong computer skills including experience with statistical software such as Stata, R, Latex, and Python.
- Ability to work independently.
- Background in economics a plus, but not necessary (candidates with technical backgrounds who are looking for more exposure to economics are welcomed).
- Prior research experience, either for independent research or as research assistance.
- Excellent grades.
- Intention to pursue a Ph.D. in Economics (or similar) in the future.

The position will be based in Berkeley, CA (but may be remote initially, depending on the university COVID policies), and the successful candidate will be able to participate in academic life at UC Berkeley, including the ability to attend research seminars. We offer a competitive salary and sponsorship of U.S. work authorization if required.

Interested candidates should email predoc.at.berkeley@gmail.com with a copy of their CV, a cover letter, an unofficial transcript and the names & email addresses of at least two references. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to complete a coding exercise and interview.