

Full-Time Pre-Doctoral Research Associate

We, Professors [Simon Jäger](#) (MIT) and [Benjamin Schoefer](#) (UC Berkeley), are looking to hire two outstanding and motivated pre-doctoral research associates. The full-time positions will be based in the MIT Economics Department in Cambridge, MA. Duration is one or two years, starting in the spring or summer of 2019.

The positions are ideally suited for candidates planning to attend graduate school in economics. The ideal candidates will have (i) boundless enthusiasm for empirical research incl. handling and analyzing large data sets, (ii) strong coding skills, and (iii) the ability to independently and diligently solve challenging problems.

Our focus will be 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.

The research associates will be fully integrated into the research community and are encouraged to attend the weekly applied microeconomics seminar at MIT.

To apply, please fill in our application form (<https://goo.gl/forms/PPRFOKSuodfGQ5P23>) and email the following documents to Jaeger.Schoefer.team@gmail.com:

- Cover letter explaining
 - Your broad or specific research interests in economics
 - Your motivation for pursuing the position
- A description of:
 - Coding experience (in particular Stata)
 - Previous research experience **in particular any experience handling and analyzing large data sets**
 - Previous coursework in **econometrics** (syllabus, topics covered), and (briefly) in labor economics, public economics and macroeconomics.
- CV incl. references
- Optional but encouraged: reference letters from faculty (ideally in economics)
- Unofficial transcript(s)
- Writing sample (e.g., thesis)

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis but all applications submitted by February 28, 2019, will be given full consideration. Shortlisted applicants will be asked to participate in an interview and a coding exercise. We will only notify short-listed applicants.

Questions and potential references can be sent to:

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