

Pre-Doctoral Research Associate (German-Speaking)

We, Professors [Simon Jäger](#) (MIT and NBER) and [Benjamin Schoefer](#) (UC Berkeley and NBER), are looking to hire an outstanding and motivated pre-doctoral research associate. This is a **temporary position** with a **starting date as soon as possible** and an envisioned duration of several months with some flexibility in the exact duration and hours (**part-time and full-time possible**). The location of the position is **remote**. The position **requires the candidate to be fully fluent in German**. Previous research associates have placed in top economics and public policy PhD programs including at MIT, Harvard, Northwestern, Zurich, and Columbia.

The positions are ideally suited for candidates planning to attend graduate school in economics and require a Bachelor's or Master's degree in **economics** or **related fields such as political science, sociology or law**. The ideal candidates will have (i) boundless enthusiasm for empirical research incl. handling and analyzing large data sets, (ii) strong coding skills, (iii) the ability to independently and diligently solve challenging problems, and (iv) the **ability to conduct institutional research and interview policy-makers and labor market stakeholders**.

Our focus will be policy-oriented and data-intensive research on **German labor market institutions**, in particular regarding **unions, employer associations, collective bargaining and codetermination**. Existing knowledge of the relevant institutions is extremely helpful but not a strict requirement.

To apply, please email the following documents *compressed into one ZIP file* to Tommy O'Donnell (tommyod@mit.edu) with subject line "Application Jäger-Schoefer Team":

- Cover letter explaining
 - your broad or specific research interests in economics or other social sciences
 - your motivation for pursuing the position
 - your relevant background in topics highlighted above, including coursework (labor economics, econometrics, public economics, macroeconomics, employment law, labor market sociology, industrial relations) and research experience and skills (Stata, coding,...)
- CV, including
 - education (degrees obtained,...)
 - relevant experience (work, RA, coding,...)
 - research papers
 - contact information for potential references
- Optional: reference letters, which, if included, should be sent directly from the letter writer to the email address above
- Unofficial transcripts
- Writing sample (e.g., thesis, research papers, extended problem sets with original empirical analyses, including code used)

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis **starting immediately**; all applications received by **September 24, 2021** will be given full consideration. Shortlisted applicants will be asked to participate in an interview. We will only notify short-listed applicants.

Questions and potential references can be sent to Tommy O'Donnell (tommyod@mit.edu).

