

## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT – PREDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE**

The Rodney L. White Center for Financial Research at the Wharton School is seeking a pre-doctoral research associate to support research in empirical macroeconomics, household finance, and financial intermediation. The Research Associate will work closely with Finance Professors Gideon Bornstein, Sasha Indarte, and Sergio Salgado.

## **JOB RESPONSIBILITIES**

The job responsibilities include conducting statistical and econometric analyses, creating data visualizations, cleaning data for analysis, conducting background research, and writing summaries and research reports. The Research Associate will support research on projects across a range of topics such as: household/consumer debt, wealth and income inequality, income dynamics, firm dynamics, market power, business cycles, monetary policy, financial crises, bankruptcy, and financial intermediation.

A successful pre-doctoral research associate will work in this challenging position for 1-2 years, be passionate about social science research, possess a strong desire to expand and deepen skills in economic research and quantitative data analysis, and emerge prepared to apply for PhD programs in Economics or Finance. Research Associates will be encouraged to be an active part of the Wharton research community, which can include attending seminars, exploring personal research interests, and taking graduate-level classes at Wharton. Professors Bornstein, Indarte, and Salgado will provide supervision and mentorship on academic development. The Research Associate will join a cohort of pre-doctoral Research Associates both in the Finance Department and across other departments at the Wharton School.

## **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS**

- Proficiency in at least one major statistical software such as R, Python (with Pandas), and Stata
- Coursework in either statistics, data analysis, or econometrics
- Eager to develop skills related to data, statistics, programming, and thinking like an economist

## **PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS**

- BA/BS in Economics, Finance, Statistics, Mathematics, or a related discipline
- Previous experience as a research assistant or conducting independent research using statistical software such as R or Stata.
- Ability to analyze data
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Self-directed, intrinsically motivated, and able to work independently to solve problems

## **SALARY & BENEFITS**

This is a full-time position based in Philadelphia (remote work from elsewhere in the U.S. may be possible for a temporary period), starting on **July 1, 2021**. This position is eligible for full Penn vacation and sick leave accrual. Annual salary is within the range of \$45,000-50,000 plus benefits. For information on the comprehensive benefits package offered by the University visit: <https://www.hr.upenn.edu/PennHR/benefits-pay>

## **HOW TO APPLY**

To submit a complete application, please prepare a cover letter explaining your interest in the position, a resume, and an academic transcript, and submit these on-line on [this website](#).

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

Penn adheres to a policy that prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, creed, national or ethnic origin, citizenship status, age, disability, veteran status, or any other legally protected class. The University of Pennsylvania values diversity and seeks talented students, faculty, and staff from diverse backgrounds. The University of Pennsylvania is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. Women, minority candidates, veterans and individuals with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

## **ABOUT THE RODNEY L. WHITE CENTER**

The Wharton School's Rodney L. White Center for Financial Research is one of the oldest financial research centers in the United States. Founded in 1969 through a grant from Oppenheimer & Company in honor of its late partner, Rodney L. White, WG'57 the Center's mission is to promote innovative empirical and theoretical research in financial economics, spanning the financial research interests of the Finance Department faculty and PhD students, and those in other related Departments.

Ways by which the Center fosters and promotes new and relevant financial research include a weekly seminar series; pre-doctoral research associate and undergraduate research scholar programs; events such as an annual conference and PhD summer school; and a monthly research newsletter that highlights the latest research submitted to the Center's working paper series.