



– Pre-Doctoral Fellow (70%) –

Economics of Child and Youth Development

We invite applications for the position of a pre-doctoral fellow in Economics of Child and Youth Development at the Jacobs Center and the Department of Economics at the University of Zurich. The pre-doctoral fellow will work on projects in the field of economics of child and youth development under the supervision of Ana Costa-Ramón and Ulf Zölitz. Currently, ongoing projects are in labor economics, especially education, gender and health economics. Projects study education policy, peer effects, child health and development, gender inequality, as well as the causes and consequences of early childhood investments.

This position offers a range of on-the-job learning opportunities and mentoring from faculty supervisors in an inspiring and interdisciplinary academic environment. The predoctoral fellow will join a dynamic team of international researchers.

The pre-doctoral position is a full-time commitment, combines research work with learning activities, and is ideal for a recent graduate interested in doing a Ph.D. in Economics. The position offers the possibility to acquire many skills necessary to conduct independent research in applied microeconomics.

The pre-doc fellow will work on different projects that may involve data collection through surveys, the analysis of large-scale register data, analysis of experimental data, and involvement in the design and execution of field experiments. We expect to involve the candidate in all stages of research – brainstorming, literature reviews, data analysis in Stata, data processing, data visualization, and writing.

The successful candidate will contribute centrally to the data work of the projects.

The appointment will be for one year and may be extended by one additional year. The annual salary is competitive.

Qualifications

The candidate must possess (at the time of starting) a Master's or Bachelor's degree with excellent grades in Economics or another quantitative field, as well as good knowledge of Stata.

We are looking for a person who enjoys independent problem-solving and thrives on taking high-level directional advice and then running with this advice as far as possible. The ideal candidate has a desire to understand the social world around them and possesses a thirst for answering research questions about how the social environment affects individuals.

How to Apply

Applications include a cover letter, a CV, transcript of grades, one letter of recommendation, and a writing sample (optional) and should be sent to Valéry Saily (valery.saily@jacobscenter.uzh.ch). Writing samples are optional and can, for example, be a research paper, a bachelor or master thesis. The letter of recommendation should be directly sent by your reference via email. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview. We will start reviewing the applications immediately.

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