

Yale *Tobin Center* *for Economic Policy*

Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

Professor Zack Cooper, Yale University

Zack Cooper and colleagues at the Tobin Center for Economic Policy at Yale University are seeking to recruit two or more highly skilled and motivated individuals to join the Pre-doctoral Fellowship program at the Tobin Center for Economic Policy at Yale University. The successful applicant(s) will be based at Yale and will work with Professor Cooper on research analyzing drivers of rising pharmaceutical prices, the influence of politics on health spending, and the impact of rising health spending on local economic growth. Pre-doctoral fellows will also work on the [Health Care Pricing Project](#), which uses claims data from three of the five largest insurers in the US to examine the variation and growth in private health spending on the privately insured. Research from the team has been cited in the [New York Times](#), the [Wall Street Journal](#), and [the Economist](#) and presented at the White House, the Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Our aim is to produce rigorous scholarship that can directly inform public policy.

Candidates should have a long-term interest in pursuing economics-related research. The program will involve building large datasets, analyzing data, creating presentations, and helping to prepare manuscripts. Previous pre-doctoral fellows have co-authored papers with the research team and regularly interact with faculty inside and outside of Yale. We have an excellent placement record, and previous fellows have gone on to top PhD programs in Economics, Public Policy, and Health Economics. We will be hiring on renewable one-year contracts. Our preference is for candidates who can work for two years.

We have a well-developed pre-doctoral fellowship program at Yale, and the successful applicants will join a program with approximately 30 full-time colleagues. We encourage our pre-doctoral fellows to take classes while they are at Yale and participate in various economics seminars happening across campus. We also have a weekly seminar for pre-doctoral fellows where faculty and visitors present academic research and offer professional mentoring. The pre-doctoral fellowship serves as a strong stepping-stone to doctoral studies.

Applicants should be completing or have completed a Bachelor's or Master's degree and have excellent programming skills. Preference will be given to detail-oriented applicants with previous research and programming experience, particularly in working with large datasets using statistical packages including Stata and SAS. We strongly also encourage individuals with previous experience in economic consulting to apply. The salary is competitive.

To apply, please email Zack Cooper (zack.cooper.research.team@gmail.com) a pdf document titled "lastname_firstname" and containing the following material:

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1. A cover letter describing your interest, dates available, your familiarity with programming languages, your prior research experience, and the names, email addresses, and phone numbers for 2-3 references;
2. A Current CV;
3. A transcript;
4. A writing sample;
5. A sample of your coding (preferably Stata).

We will review applications on a rolling basis and can sponsor visas.

We invite you to discover the excitement, diversity, rewards and excellence of a position at Yale University. One of the country's great workplaces, Yale University offers exciting opportunities for meaningful accomplishment and true growth. Our benefits package is among the best anywhere, with a wide variety of insurance choices, liberal paid time off, fantastic family and educational benefits, a variety of retirement benefits, extensive recreational facilities, and much more.

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