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Vacancy for Research Assistant

Professors Laura Alfaro (Harvard Business School), Claudia Steinwender (MIT Sloan), and Maggie Chen (George Washington) are looking for a part-time (20 hours per week) research assistant (RA) for a period of 6 months, starting in July 2021. Employment will be at Harvard Business School.

The RA will work on a project on the role of institutions on firm level economic growth in historical Shanghai (around 1850-1945), and will be expected to be responsible for the research and review historical sources; finding, cleaning, and merging firm level datasets; and running regression analyses.

Key requirements:

- Strong Stata skills
- Diligence and a love for precision and detail in e.g., data cleaning
- Ability to conduct empirical regression analysis in Stata, including intense data cleaning and merging
- Familiarity with the problems to draw causal inference from regression analysis and ability to independently suggest solutions
- Reliability (e.g. with respect to promised deadlines, to do lists)
- Good written communication skills (e.g. proactive and clear updates by email)
- Experience with Python is a plus
- Chinese language skills are a plus, but not required
- Must be based in Boston
- Current work permit for the United States is necessary (a Foreign National must already be in possession of one of the following types of visas: F-1 CPT, F-1 OPT, F-2, J-1, or J-2)

The ideal candidate has an undergraduate degree in Economics or Economic History, and is planning to take one or several years off to gain practical experience as a research assistant before applying to PhD programs in Economics.

Please submit a cover letter and CV to Jake Pullis, jpullis@hbs.edu.