Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow – Heidi Williams

<u>Job description</u>

Heidi Williams, Professor of Economics at Stanford, is accepting applications for pre-doctoral research fellows to begin in the summer or fall of 2023 and to be appointed for up to two years as part of her research team. The position will entail close collaboration and assistance with all stages of various empirical research and policy projects related to science and innovation policy. Much of this work will be done in close collaboration with the Institute for Progress (where Heidi is the Director of Science Policy, collaborating with Caleb Watney) and with J-PAL's Science for Progress Initiative (which Heidi co-chairs with Paul Niehaus).

<u>Qualifications</u>

Candidates must hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent, and should have a long-term interest in pursuing research related to economics and/or innovation policy. However, prior background in these areas is not strictly necessary; candidates interested in gaining exposure to these areas of research are very welcome to apply. This position is ideal for candidates looking to develop their research skills in preparation for applying to PhD programs in economics or related fields, but may also be a good fit for students planning to apply to other types of graduate programs such as law school or policy school or to work in related jobs. Preference will be given to detail-oriented applicants with some previous programming experience.

<u>Location, compensation, and benefits</u>

These pre-doctoral research fellow positions will be in-person, physically based either with me at the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR) or – with me, if I change jobs – at Dartmouth College.

Fellows dedicate a significant portion of their time to research with my research team but can also take under-graduate or graduate-level courses for credit (up to one course per quarter). The fellowship offers tuition, health insurance, and a stipend ($55,000 in 2022-2023).

<u>How to apply</u>
1) Please complete this online application, which includes a request to upload a single PDF that appends all of the following materials into one file:
    a. A cover letter describing your interest in this position, your familiarity with programming languages (*e.g.* Stata, SAS, Python), your prior experience as a research assistant and/or with independent research projects, and names and e-mail addresses of two references
    b. A current CV
    c. An unofficial transcript
2) Please ask your two references to e-mail a brief recommendation (as short as one paragraph is fine) to Sharyn Nantuna (snantuna@stanford.edu) with cc: to me (hlwill@stanford.edu)

Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis until filled. Short-listed applicants will be asked to complete a technical exercise and may be called for an interview.