Job Announcement
Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow

Sponsoring Faculty

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Job Description

We are looking for a highly skilled and motivated individual to work as a full-time research assistant for a period of one or two years, **starting July 1, 2026**. The researcher will be based at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and will work in close collaboration with Professors Castillo, Yildirim, and their coauthors. The job will involve research in applied microeconomics, focusing on projects on the digital economy, transportation and urban economics, and industrial organization.

Required Qualifications

The ideal candidate will have:

1. A strong quantitative background, including a BA/BS in economics, statistics, or another quantitative field like computer science or engineering.
2. Strong programming skills using AI in conjunction with R, Python, Matlab, Julia, Stata or a similar language.
3. The ability to work independently to solve problems.
4. Strong communication skills.
5. A long-term interest in pursuing research in economics. Previous Penn pre-docs have been successfully placed in highly-ranked PhD programs and eventually into faculty positions.
6. Experience with research in economics is a plus, but not a strict requirement.

Salary and Benefits

The annual salary will be competitive.

Application

If interested, please submit a cover letter describing your interest in the job and specific research projects with faculty, CV, copies of your transcripts, and up to 3 letters of recommendation at this link by **March 15, 2026**. If your recommenders prefer to upload their letters, they can submit them at this link. Applications will be reviewed immediately and until the position is filled. Hiring is subject to approval by the University of Pennsylvania.