JOB ANNOUNCEMENT - RESEARCH ANALYST

Professors Arthur van Benthem and Susanna Berkouwer at the Wharton School are seeking a Research Analyst to support quantitative research in economics. Most research will be in the field of energy and the environment in the U.S. and abroad, including: efficiency losses from imperfect environmental policies, energy efficiency, fuel economy standards, infrastructure construction, the economics of renewable energy, and carbon taxes under market failures.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

Job responsibilities include performing a variety of statistical and econometric analyses, cleaning and analyzing data, writing research reports, conducting background research and literature reviews, identifying and obtaining secondary data, and coding survey questionnaires for field activities. Independent thinking, a thorough understanding of economics or related disciplines, and self-motivation are highly valued in performing these functions.

This is a challenging opportunity for an early-career professional who is passionate about social science research and has a strong desire to expand and deepen skills in economic research and quantitative data analysis. The research assistant will work closely with Professors van Benthem and Berkouwer, who will provide supervision and mentorship on academic development more broadly. They will be encouraged to be an active part of the research community, which can include attending seminars and exploring personal research interests.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- BA/BS in Economics, Statistics, or a related discipline;
- Previous experience as a research assistant or conducting independent research using statistical software such as STATA;
- Ability to analyze data and write reports;
- Self-directed, intrinsically motivated; capacity to manage work independently.

We anticipate that the successful candidate would work in this position for 1 or 2 years, before going on to graduate programs or careers in Economics, Public Policy, Business, or another quantitative social science.

SALARY & BENEFITS

This is a full-time position based in Philadelphia (remote work from elsewhere in the U.S. may be possible for a temporary period), starting in the summer of 2020. This position is eligible for full Penn vacation and sick leave accrual. Annual salary is commensurate with experience within the range of $36,401 - $65,521 plus benefits. For information on the comprehensive benefits package offered by the University visit: https://www.hr.upenn.edu/PennHR/benefits-pay
HOW TO APPLY
To submit a complete application, please prepare a brief cover letter explaining your interest in the position, a resume, and an academic transcript, and submit these as follows:

2. Then, e-mail your application materials to arthurv@wharton.upenn.edu and to sberkou@wharton.upenn.edu

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. A first review of applications will start on September 1.

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