

Yale *Tobin Center* *for Economic Policy*

Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

Professor Seth Zimmerman, Yale University

Seth Zimmerman and colleagues at the Tobin Center for Economic Policy at Yale University are seeking to recruit a full-time research assistant, starting summer 2021. The research assistant will work with Professor Zimmerman on new and ongoing projects in applied microeconomics, primarily related to labor economics and the economics of education. They will be engaged in all stages of the research process, including conceptual development, data collection, data analysis, and writing. Research collaboration with faculty, graduate students, and research professionals at Yale and other institutions will be an important component of the job.

The ideal candidate will have a strong quantitative background, programming skills, the ability to work independently and solve problems, and a long-term interest in pursuing research in economics or an adjacent field. Candidates should also have strong communication skills and the ability to write clearly.

Background in economics is a plus but not required; candidates with strong technical skills who are interested in learning more about economics are encouraged to apply. Successful applicants typically have Bachelor's or Master's degrees with substantial coursework in economics, math, and/or computer science. Past research assistants have gone on to enroll in PhD programs in Economics at top departments.

To apply, please email Justine Jarvie (justine.jarvie@yale.edu) a pdf document titled "lastname_firstname" and containing the following material:

- 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;
- A current CV (optional: include a link to a code repository);
- A transcript;
- A writing sample;
- A code sample (preferably Stata, R, or Python)

Application review will begin on October 15th and continue on a rolling basis thereafter until the position is filled.

This position is part of the Tobin Center / Economics Pre-Doctoral Fellows Program at Yale University. Pre-doctoral fellows work for one to two years as full-time research assistants and engage in additional education and training activities, including taking for credit or auditing one course per semester, participating in a weekly professional development seminar, and attending department research seminars. There are roughly 30 fellows in each cohort. All positions are based on-campus, and most fellows work in common workspaces to foster camaraderie and peer learning. Our program is strengthened when a diversity of backgrounds, identities, and viewpoints are represented. We encourage women and members of other underrepresented groups in economics to apply.

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Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Short-listed applicants will be asked to complete a data or technical exercise and may be invited to interview.

The position begins in July 2021, although other start dates may be negotiable. The position lasts for one year with an option to renew for a second year by mutual agreement by the faculty supervisor(s) and the fellow. Salary will be competitive with similar programs at other institutions, and the position includes standard benefits such as health insurance. The University will sponsor visas for accepted international candidates.

Yale University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer. Yale values diversity among its students, staff, and faculty and strongly welcomes applications from women, persons with disabilities, protected veterans, and underrepresented minorities.