Institute of Economics

Predoctoral Research Fellow in Economics at the Institute IdEP, Faculty of Economics at USI Università della Svizzera italiana

Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) is a young and lively university, a hub of opportunity open to the world where students are offered a quality interdisciplinary education in which they can be fully engaged and take center stage, and where our researchers can count on having the space to freely pursue their initiative.

Established in 1996, USI is in constant evolution, always taking on new challenges while remaining true to its three guiding principles: quality, openness, and responsibility.

The Predoctoral Research Fellow Position
The Institute of Economics (IdEP) at the Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) in Lugano, Switzerland, invites applications from highly motivated and talented candidates for one full- or part-time Predoctoral Research Fellow in Economics and Data Analysis. The position is for one year (up to two years on mutual agreement).

The position provides an excellent opportunity to acquire hands-on experience in performing and enhancing state-of-the-art research in applied economics. The Research Fellow will be involved in different stages of research including brainstorming, data manipulation, data analysis, literature review, and manuscript editing, and will receive support for future job applications and career development. The position is based at USI Lugano.

The successful candidate will work closely in all stages of research with Fabrizio Colella on a variety of projects related to labor, environmental, and applied economics and primarily contribute to the project: “Impacts of Covid-19 and policy measures on trade, labor demand, and job finding” of Fabrizio Colella (USI) and Rafael Lalive (University of Lausanne).

We offer:
• A diverse array of on-the-job learning opportunities and guidance from faculty mentors within a stimulating and interdisciplinary academic setting.
• The chance to make valuable contributions to research projects alongside a team of young researchers.
• The possibility of being involved in seminars and reading groups with faculty members and Ph.D. students and gaining exposure to academic life.
• Office space and access to the IT infrastructures of the university.
Candidates’ profile
Ideal candidates should satisfy the following requirements:

- Has completed, or is in the process of completing, an M.Sc. in Economics or other quantitative fields (including Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, and more).
- Has a long-term interest in pursuing academic research in economics or data analysis.
- Has strong inherent motivation, a cooperative attitude, a sense of responsibility, and the ability to work independently in a structured manner.
- Possesses strong computer and analytical skills. Knowledge of programming languages and statistical software such as Stata, R, or Python as well as experience with text analysis is a plus.

We welcome applications from individuals of all backgrounds who share our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. USI is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on any basis.

Contract terms
Admission decisions are based on the candidate’s background, interests, attitude, and potential for academic achievement.

The successful candidates will work as Predoctoral Research Fellow IdEP and will have the possibility to interact with an international network of collaborators.

The starting date is flexible and may be as early as September 2023.

The Application
Candidates should include the following information:

1. A complete CV,
2. A cover letter,
3. A transcript of your university education,
4. An example of academic writing (e.g., B.Sc or M.Sc thesis),
5. Optional. One letter of reference or the names and email addresses of two academic references that could be contacted for further information.

Invitations for online interviews will be scheduled on a rolling basis starting from April 15th, 2023. However, applications will be received until the position is filled.

Please send your application in electronic form or requests for further information to fabrizio.colella@usi.ch

Lugano, April 14th, 2023